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**Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary Celebrations**

**"Overcoming challenges, We won our freedom
Recording achievements, We will create history"**

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**,
greeted by presenting books, Hon’ble **Thiru. R. N. Ravi**,
who took oath of office as Governor of Tamil Nadu at Raj Bhavan on 18.09.2021.

# 'Donate Blood and keep the heart of humanity Pulsating'

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** on National Voluntary Blood Donation Day *(English Translation).*

Every year October 1 is observed as National Voluntary Blood Donation Day for creating awareness among people about voluntary blood donation, which is a great act of saving human lives. This year, the theme of the Day is 'Give Blood and Keep the World Beating'.

The Tamil Nadu Government is creating awareness among people about the importance of voluntary blood donation. Though there are many scientific inventions, it has not yet been possible to produce the wonder liquid, blood. Every human body has about 5 liters of blood and during blood donation only 350 ml is taken. In 24 hours, the body recoups the lost blood. It takes just 20 minutes to donate blood. The day's work can be carried on as usual after donating the blood. Healthy men and women in the age group 18 – 65 can donate blood once in three months. Periodic blood donation in sufficient intervals promotes new cells in the body like the functioning well replenishes itself, and thus protects the body's health.

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, donors of blood and organizers of blood camps are honoured with merit certificates and medals. By way of encouraging blood donation, a drawing competition and an online quiz competition are being held this year under the title 'New India at 75' in the first phase for selecting school and College Students in 14 Districts.

For transporting the blood collected in blood donation camps to Blood Banks and storing it safely, 5 ultra modern vehicles with cold storage facilities, costing Rs.175 lakh are proposed to be distributed. A frozen Red Cell Storage Unit is to be set up at a cost of Rs.375 lakh in Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai for storing rare red cells for more than 10 years. Also, a Radio Frequency Identification Device is to be installed at a cost of Rs.208 lakh at the Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai and at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai to monitor blood bags.

Last year, we could achieve 90 per cent of the target through Government and private blood banks. To achieve a cent per cent target in voluntary blood donation in the current year and to save priceless lives, I affectionately request all people to come forward to voluntarily donate blood in a big way.

Let us happily donate blood! Let us save human lives with love!

**Give Blood and Keep the World Pulsating!**

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"Thakkaa Rinaththanaaith Thaanozhuka Vallaanaich
Setraar Seyakkitandha Thil" -Kural: 446

If a man of intelligence and ability has only such men around himself, adversaries can cause him no harm

*- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural*

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**First Wrapper**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. R.N. Ravi** and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on the occasion of his 153rd birth anniversary on 02.10.2021.

# 'We have fulfilled most promises, swift pace of implementation will continue'

## No dichotomy between speech and action : Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin - 25.09.2021

*(English Translation)*

My respects to all Countrymen!

I am speaking to you through video conferencing only to convey glad tidings to you.

I am Chief Minister because you voted me in.

Every vote of yours laid the foundation for my seat in the Fort.

You voted for us because you believed that we would fulfill our promises and would do great good for the people.

I can proudly say we have not belied your hope in us one bit.

You voted for us. We have honoured most of our promises to you. That is why I speak before you boldly.

Before the Assembly Election, we released the DMK party's Election Manifesto. When I did so, I said, in Thalaivar Kalaignar's manner , **'We do what we say. We say what we do'.** Only 4 months have passed, counting today also, since we took up governance, but within these 4 months we have implemented most of the things we have stated. We gave 505 assurances. A majority of them have been carried out. You see for yourself the assurances we have fulfilled.

Within a few hours after assuming office as Chief Minister on May 7, I signed 5 important files.

★ Rs. 4,000 Corona cash relief to 2.09 crore rice card holders.

★ Aavin milk's price lessened by Rs.3 per litre.

★ Free bus travel to women in urban places.

★ 'Chief Minister in your constituency' Department to resolve people's grievances.

★ Corona treatment expenses in private Hospitals under the Chief Minister's Insurance Scheme.

**The DMK Manifesto mentioned only the first 4 of these 5 implementations. Continuing,**

★ For the first time, a separate Budget was presented for agriculture to increase production and safeguard the welfare of farmers.

★ Co-operative loans of Women Self-Help Groups to the tune of Rs.2,756 crore waived.

★ Jewel loans issued through the Primary Agriculture Co-operative Credit Societies waived.

★ Petrol price reduced by Rs.3 per litre.

★ Implementation of 'Anna Marumalarchi Scheme' in rural areas at an allotment of Rs.1,200 crore.

★ Implementing 'Namakku Naame Scheme', jointly with local communities at an allotment of Rs.100 crore.

★ Implementing in the current 2021-2022 year the great 'Organic Farming Development Scheme'.

★ Renovation of Anna Centenary Library and setting up 'Kalaignar Memorial Library' at Madurai.

★ Distribution of Rs.3 crore to potential gold medallist in Olympic competitions, Rs.2 crore to silver and Rs. 1 crore to bronze medallists.

★ Withdrawal of 5,570 cases filed against Journalists, Protesters against Indian Citizenship (Amendment) Act, Methane, Neutrino, Kudankulam Atomic power plant and 8-lane Express Way schemes.

★ A resolution passed in the Legislative Assembly calling of the withdrawal of the three Farm Laws and Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

★ Presentation of a Draft Bill for getting exemption from NEET examination and passing of a resolution.

- ★ A Corona compensation of Rs.25 lakh each to the families of Doctors who were affected by the virus while treating Corona patients and died.
- ★ A cash relief of Rs.25 lakh each to the heirs of Police Officers and Constables who died due to Corona while on duty.
- ★ Distribution of 'Smart Card' within a fortnight to all eligible persons who applied for Family Cards. 5,49,505 Family Cards have been distributed under this Scheme.
- ★ A 'Chief Minister's Economic Advisory Council' was set up to advise the Tamil Nadu Government.

- ★ Assistance from the Family Protection Fund to the families of Government employees who die in harness has been hiked from Rs.3 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh.
- ★ Steps to withdraw wrongly registered cases in the Sterlite incident were taken. Affected families were given cash relief/ Government jobs on the basis of educational qualification.
- ★ Maternity leave to Women Government employees increased from 9 months to 12 months.
- ★ Reservation for Women in Government jobs increased to 40 per cent.

In this way, most of the assurances given in the Election Manifesto have been fulfilled.

Those who follow Legislative Assembly debates in full, know that everything that I have stated is totally true.

Fifty-one assurances from the Governor's Address, 2 from my reply, 43 from the Budget, 23 from Agriculture Budget, 64 from the announcements made by Ministers and 16 from other announcements, have been implemented. I am proud to inform the Countrymen the happy news that totally 202 assurances were made as Government announcements.

I have to share another important information.

Many good measures, not mentioned in the Election Manifesto, have also been carried out.

- ★ A 7.5 per cent reservation on a priority basis to Government school Students in reservation quotas in all courses of Technical Education; Students under this category need not pay the fee in full.

★ A Corona relief kit of 14 types of grocery articles to all family card holders.

★ Free bus travel to all transgender and differently-abled persons.

★ A fixed deposit of Rs. 5 lakh to children who have lost their parents to Corona. The Government will meet their tuition and hostel fees.

★ A cash relief of Rs.3 lakh to father/mother with children deprived of either of them on account of Corona.

★ An allotment of Rs.317.40 crore to upgrade houses and other infrastructure facilities by way of safeguarding the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils in camps in Tamil Nadu.

★ Steps to draft a law for the creation of a new authority 'Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar-Tribals Welfare Commission' with autonomous powers.

★ Designating Newspaper Reporters and Media Personnel as 'Frontline Workers'.

★ Special incentive to accredited Newspaper and Media Personnel increased to Rs.5,000.

★ Compensation to accredited Media Personnel who died due to Corona, increased to Rs.10 lakh.

★ Manimandapam to Iyothee Thassar who fought to bring to the fore the words 'Thamizhan' and 'Dravidam' in the political arena.

★ Fourteen announcements to applaud the greatness of 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' V.O.C.

★ 14 announcements to honour 'Paattukkoru Pulavan' Bharathi.

★ A monitoring Committee to bring Social Justice to practice.

★ A Manimandapam will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 4 crore in Villupuram District as a Memorial to the Social Justice Fighters who died in the agitation for reservation (in education and jobs) in the year 1987.

★ Inauguration of the pioneering scheme 'Doctor at your doorstep'.

★ Government honour to writer Ki.Rajanarayanan. A statue for him at Kovilpatti. Renovation of the school in Idaiseval where he studied.

- ★ Institution of an award – 'Ilakkiya Maamani', with a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh, by way of encouraging and honouring Tamil Writers.
- ★ To encourage Tamil Writers who are recipients of National Awards like Jnanpith, Sahitya Akademi or State-level Literary Awards or Awards from reputed International Organizations, the Tamil Nadu Government will provide them a house either in the District they live or in the place of their choice.

- ★ Appointment of archakas with no caste distinction and women Odhuvars, by way of removing the thorn in the heart of 'Thanthai Periyar' and realization of Kalaignar's dream.
- ★ Institution of 'Thagaisaal Thamizhar' Award. The first recipient is Thiru. Sankaraiah, Freedom Struggle 'Thiyagi' and Senior-most Leader of the Communist Party.
- ★ After the briefing on the conclusions arrived at on the Sivakalai Research, the Legislative Assembly was informed that research would be undertaken all over the Indian Sub-Continent and the World in search of Tamil Civilization roots.

The declaration that the birth anniversary of 'Pagutharivu Pakalavan' Thanthai Periyar will be observed as 'Social Justice Day' and administration of an Oath in this regard are far above these Achievements. **We have not announced all these things but implemented them. We have not only honoured our words but carried out what we have not stated.**

It can be only the DMK Government in the Indian Sub-Continent which has fulfilled 202 assurances out of 505 in 4 months.

**Let this not be construed as the initial momentum. It will always be like this always. We will function like this on all days. As I have done now, I will list the implemented assurances once in 3 months. I am not an indifferent person who will be lulled by the thought that the next meeting with voters is only after 5 years. You, the people and my conscience alone activate me. You order me! I am ready to work for you!**

# Centenary of Communal Government Order 16.09.2021

**M**uthamizh Arignar Kalaignar said that the Dravidian movement has the great history of common people working for uplifting the lives of common people and their continued striving towards that end. This history was not born today but has the continuity of a hundred years. In 1916, the Justice Party was formed by the South Indian Liberal Federation, to espouse the cause of Social Justice, eradication of untouchability, rights of oppressed people and political autonomy. In 1920, when the elections were held for the first time, the Justice Party formed the Government by winning the elections. After coming to power, the Justice Party Rule implemented its principles through many Government Orders.

The most important Government Order issued by the Justice Party is now 100 years old. That 'Communal G.O.' of Social Justice changed Tamil society's destiny for several generations. That Social Justice Order dated 16.09.1921 was issued by the then Justice Party Chief Minister, Panagal Raja. According to the Order, if a particular community continues to dominate Government services it would do great harm to the Country. The vacancies in Government Departments should be filled with equal representation from all communities based on population. This was the basis for the G.O. and from there began the march of Social Justice.

Government of Madras

G.O. No. 613, 16th September 1921

Public Services

Today, on September 16, I remember the services of Velludai Vendar Thiagarayar, Social Justice activists Dr. Natesan, T.M. Nair, Cuddalore A.Subbarayalu, Panagal Arasar, Ministers S.Muthiah and P.T.Rajan, as it was on this date that the Social Justice Order was issued. That G.O. was responsible for lighting the lamps in the homes of many Tamil people. It was the then Minister S.Muthiah who devised ways to implement that communal G.O. That was the reason that Thanthai Periyar asked Tamil People to name their wards after Muthiah.

The Social Justice movement that had its origin in Tamil Nadu is now successfully followed throughout the Country. I bow to those who were responsible for the revolution.

The present DMK Government is to take steps to take the march of Social Justice to the next stage.

Legally, the Social Justice yardstick is there? But is it in full implementation? **The Tamil Nadu Government is to set up a committee to monitor whether Social Justice is being implemented fully. The Committee will monitor whether Social Justice is followed in Education, Employment, Posts, Promotion, and Appointments and give guidelines for implementing them. If it is not properly implemented then it will recommend steps to the Government.** The rules and regulations for the Committee will be released soon. The Monitoring Committee will consist of Officials, Educationists and Legal experts.

I feel pride in appointing the Monitoring Committee on the Centenary year of the Social Justice Government Order. Let society march in the direction of prosperity for all.

***-Thiru. M.K. Stalin***

***Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu***

***(English Translation)***

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# October 2: birth anniversary of Uthamar Gandhi Adigal

Today is the birth anniversary of Gandhi Adigal who practiced Non-violence and Brotherhood and taught us that these qualities are essential for society!

The people and the country should march on the good path shown by the Father of the Nation. This is today's need and the need for ever!

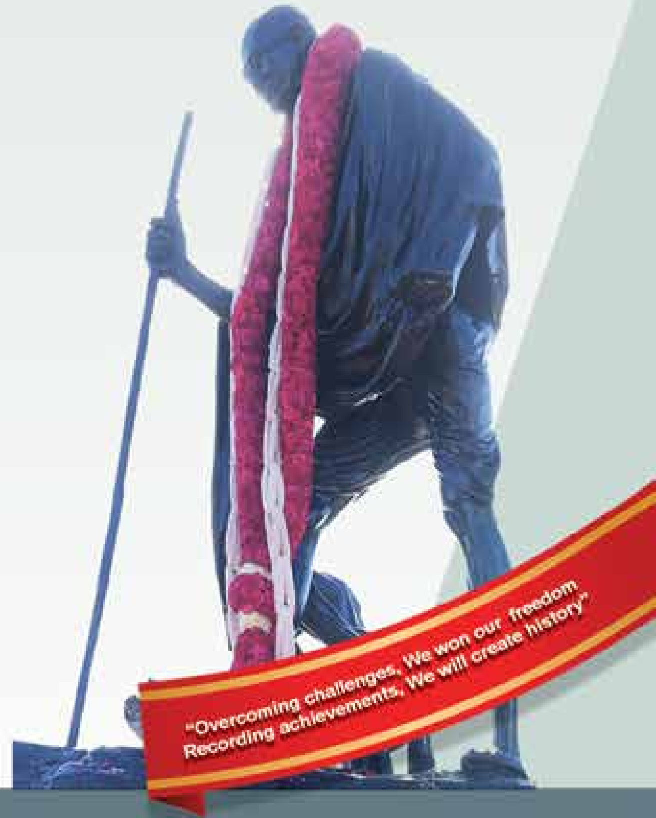
"Let us foster Brotherhood"

***-Thiru. M.K. Stalin***

***Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu***

***(English Translation)***

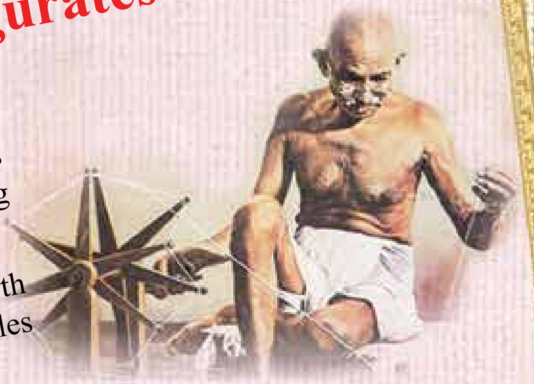
In connection with the 153rd birth anniversary of Uthamar Gandhi Adigal, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. R.N. Ravi** and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tributes to his portrait, placed near his statue at Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 02.10.2021 and participated in the Spinning and Gandhian musical events, organized by the Sarvodaya Sangam.



## Birth anniversary of Uthamar Gandhi Adigal

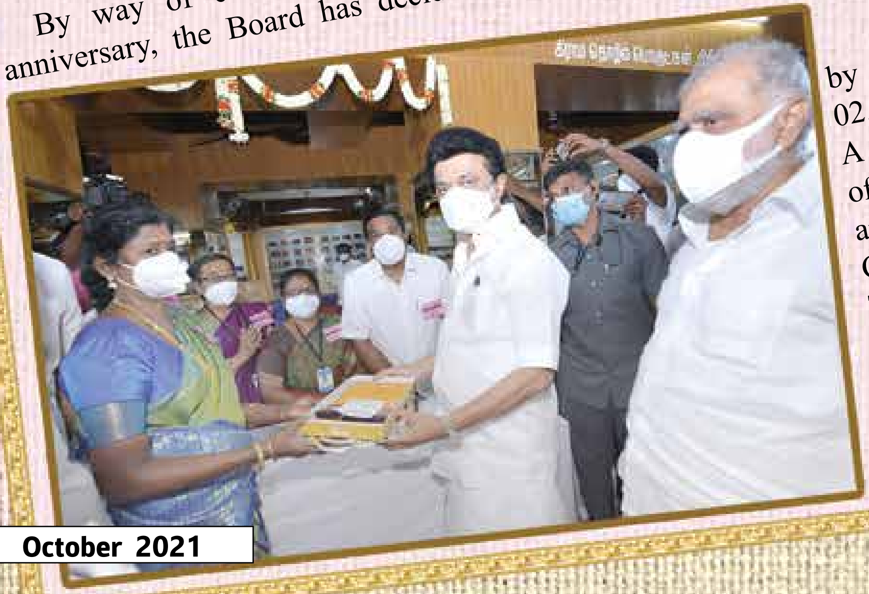
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** garlanded Uthamar Gandhi Adigal's statue kept in the Khadi and Textiles Sales Centre at West Masi Street, Madurai City on 02.10.2021 and paid his respects. It was at this very place that Gandhi Adigal took the vow on September 22, 1921 to discard his upper attire and cover his body from waist to knee only to drive home the point that he was one among the marginalized people suffering in poverty.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates sales at Khadi Angadi



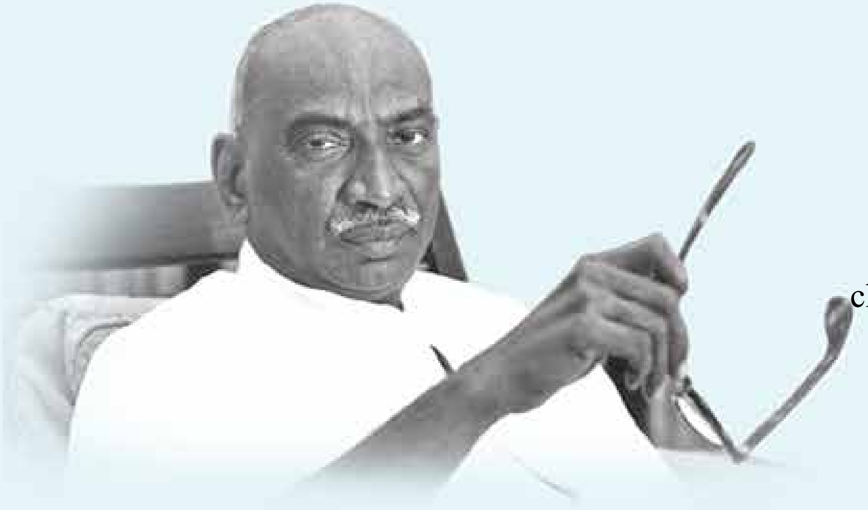
The Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board is functioning with the prime aim of promoting Khadi and setting up, encouraging and developing Village Industries.

By way of celebrating Uthamar Gandhi Adigal's birth anniversary, the Board has decided to promote Khadi Sales by holding exhibitions between 02.10.2021 and 04.11.2021. A 30 per cent discount is being offered for the Cotton, Polyester and Silk varieties of Khadi. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated the sales at the Khadi Angadi in the Khadi and Handloom sales centre at West Masi Street in Madurai.



October 2: Death anniversary of
Perunthalaivar Kamarajar

# 'Eazhai Pangalar'

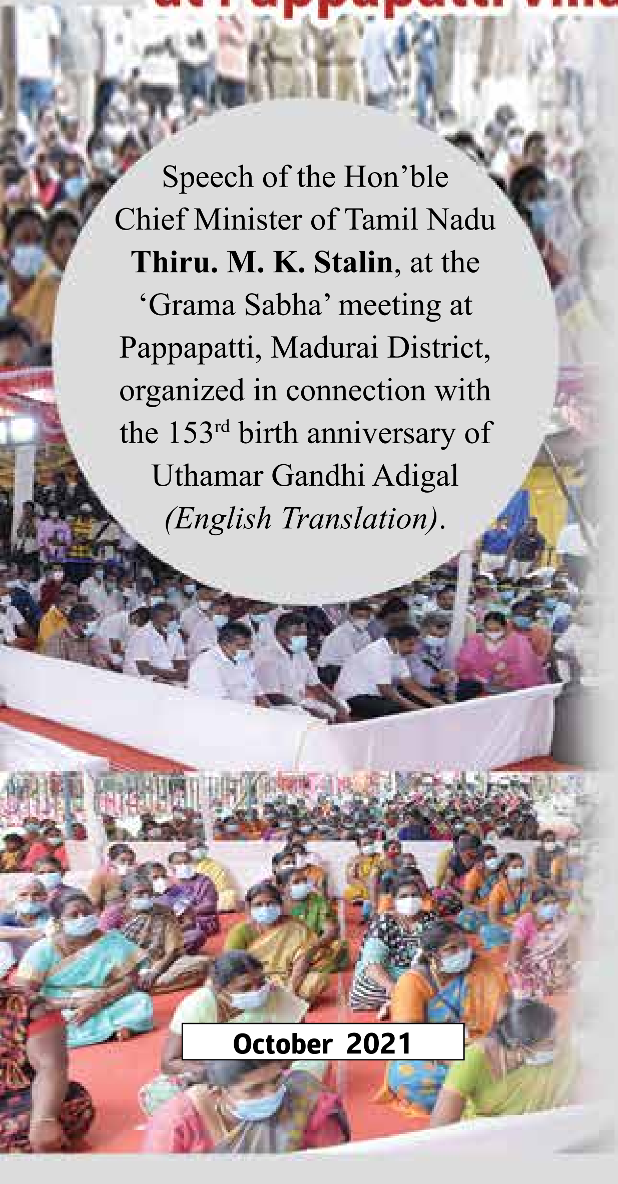


Personification of Simplicity;
Eazhai Pangalar. He opened the eyes of
education for all and Tamil society will
cherish him forever. Let us enter public life
with the service mindedness
of Perunthalaivar!

***-Thiru. M.K. Stalin***
***Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu***
***(English Translation)***

Hon'ble Minister for Medical and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramanian and Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru. P.K. Sekarbabu laid wreaths and paid their respects at Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Memorial at Guindy, Chennai on the 46th death anniversary of the great leader on 02.10.2021.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister celebrates Gandhi Jayanthi at Pappapatti village, vows to take State to the top



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, at the 'Grama Sabha' meeting at Pappapatti, Madurai District, organized in connection with the 153rd birth anniversary of Uthamar Gandhi Adigal *(English Translation)*.

At the outset I convey my greetings to all of you.

Due to constraint of time and lack of opportunity, three persons each from the men's and women's side have spoken here. All the speakers expressed excellently their great happiness and sense of pride in my participation. What I wish to say is that I am very happy to see you. So, with that sense of happiness and pride, I have got this opportunity to meet you all here.

In this event, Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Thiru. I. Periasamy has participated. Also District Collector Dr.S.Aneesh Sekhar I.A.S., Panchayat President Thiru. Muruganandam who welcomed the gathering, Vice President Tmt. Lakshmi, Panchayat Secretary Thiru. Thangapandi and former Collector of this District and a person popular amidst you, Thiru.Udhayachandran I.A.S., he is now functioning as my Personal Secretary, Government officers in Madurai District, Elders, Ladies, Youth and Friends of Pappapatti, I thank you all once again.

This meet goes under the name 'Grama Sabha'. We follow the tradition of convening 'Grama Sabha' meetings two or three times in a year.

But due to the Corona pandemic, we could not organize these meetings for the last 2 years in a regular manner. Today, I am really proud to participate in this ‘Grama Sabha’ meeting at Pappapatti, organized in connection with Gandhi Jayanthi.

Mahatma Gandhi wished to change this Country into a ‘Grama Rajyam’. He said the Villages together are India, the real India comes from the Village. I have come to such a place today. For Mahatma Gandhi, Madurai particularly is not a place that he can forget.

Mahatma Gandhi practiced law in South Africa, wearing a coat and suit. He became ‘Annal’ (great man) in simple dress only when he came to Madurai. When he was passing through a hamlet near Madurai, he saw some people in soiled clothes loitering around and many working in the fields. He summoned one of them to his side and asked why they were wearing such grimy clothes, whether they did not have good clothes, why the clothes were so dirty and could anybody wear such clothes? That person said: “I have only one dhoti; I don’t have money to purchase soap, wash the cloth and dry it. So I am wearing the same dhoti all the time.” This reply changed Mahatma Gandhi’s heart.

He questioned himself that why should we wear such glamorous clothes when the poor are languishing in poverty with no clothes to change. The same day he relinquished his coat and lived the rest of his life without upper clothes. This is history. This happened 100 years ago. It is a proud matter that this Madurai region changed Gandhi Adigal himself.

So, I am very happy to participate along with you in this Pappapatti Grama Sabha meeting in this Madurai soil. You showed your pride in your Village, saying, ‘our Village, our Village’.

In the presence of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** a pledge to prevent violence against women and children was taken.

I would like to add that this Village is not yours alone but it is our Village also. All Villages are ours, all Towns are our own and all people are our people.

With this bent of mind alone, when I assumed office as Chief Minister, I stated that this is not my rule this is our rule, your rule, a regime implementing many schemes for your sake.

These Grama Sabha meetings are held today all over Tamil Nadu. I am really proud to participate in this meeting held at Pappapatti. As Chief Minister I attend many Government events, party events and public events. If a question is put to me asking which event is unforgettable among them, the reply will be the one taking place in Pappapatti now.

In 2006, there was an atmosphere in this region where Panchayat Elections could not be held. You also pointed out those historic events. In Madurai District, there was a social environment that prevented holding of elections in some rural areas. Particularly in four Villages which are Pappapatti, Keeripatti, Nattarmangalam (Madurai) and Kottakachiyendhal in Virudhunagar District were the situation was not conducive at all for holding of elections. I don’t want to go into details of why, how, by whom etc. That is not necessary.

But, the then Chief Minister Kalaignar said that "Elections must be held if democracy is to be strengthened. This election must be conducted as it is the very foundation of democracy". I was the Local Administration Minister in his Cabinet. Thiru. Ashok Vardhan Shetty was the Secretary in my Local Administration Department. The then Madurai District Collector was Thiru. Udhayachandran. He is now working as my Principal Secretary. With total involvement, both of them put in efforts and faced many difficulties in conducting the elections. You also co-operated, created a favourable environment and helped the conduct of the election.

When we conveyed this information to the then Chief Minister Kalaignar, he was very happy. Not content with that feeling, he asked us to bring all would-be Panchayat Presidents as he would like to see them, speak to them and congratulate them. We brought them to Chennai and held a congratulatory function at Kalaivanar Arangam in which Kalaignar participated and spoke. It was held under my auspices. Thiru. Thol Thirumavalavan of the Viduthalai Siruthaigal Katchi spoke appreciatively of Thalaivar Kalaignar at the meeting, thanked him for conducting the election and conferred the title 'Samathuva Periyar Kalaignar' on him. Later, the then DMK Government gave Rs. 80 lakh for the development of the Panchayats and on behalf of the DMK party Rs. 20 lakh was given. With that fund, we have carried out many development works in this area.

It is to such a Pappapatti, that I have come now. Though there are many Panchayats, this is the main reason for my choice of Pappapatti. At a 'Samathuva Peruvizha', conducted under the auspices of Thalaivar Kalaignar, he stated that equality is the basis for development. No development is possible in a society where there is no unity. With such a sense of unity, this 'Grama Sabha' meeting is taking place now. Democracy flowered from Villages.

Before several millennia, the practice was to deposit in a pitcher, the names of the contesting candidates written in palm leaves. The pitcher was juggled and a leaf picked out. The person whose name was on that leaf was declared the winner. This selection of candidates came to be called 'Kudavolai' method. That 'Kudavolai' method has now turned into a voting machine.

'A good democracy is that which hears the voice of the man in the margins of society', said Mahatma Gandhi. I have come here to hear the voice of the people on the periphery. You should not forget that this was Gandhi's 'Grama Rajyam'.

Likewise, it was the DMK Government that designed innumerable schemes for the

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** viewed the exhibition stalls set up on the occasion of the Grama Sabha

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** *inspected the Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Society in K.Naataampatti Village, Madurai District on 02.10.2021*

renaissance of Villages. Even now, we have not just harangued from the dais what schemes we would implement if we captured power or issued pamphlets and considered our duty to be over. We printed and published them in book form. It contained 505 assurances and within four months, till now we have fulfilled 202 assurances. They are a mixture of both electoral promises and spontaneous ones not mentioned. We have a duty to fulfill not only the remaining assurances but also whatever more is needed. We will certainly carry them out. There is no change whatsoever.

To make particular mention, whether it be the 'Doctor at your doorstep scheme' or 'Namakku Naame scheme' or 'Anna Marumalarchi' scheme or whether it be 'Samathuvapurangal', our DMK Government is framing them as schemes for the development of the livelihood of the poor and marginalized people in rural areas. Let it not be forgotten by any person that this Government is for the common man and this rule is steered by ordinary persons. The proof of this is the publication and presentation of an exclusive Budget for agriculture, prepared after hearing the views of farmers and sensing their thoughts and feelings.

So, once again I say that, this is not my Government, it is ours, one that is to implement many schemes along with your wishes. We all should work hard to create a feeling that this Government should continue. This is my request.

We are not going to discriminate between rich and poor, Village and City, big industry and small scale industry and northern and southern District. We are going to work hard to create a fully bright Tamil Nadu. For that, I affectionately request you all to extend your co-operation.

Friends and sisters who spoke here placed some demands. Believe us, we will certainly carry them out. Now, I am going to make some announcements that will make you happy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✶ Under the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, an office building for the Panchayat will be constructed at Pappapatti Village at a cost of Rs.23.57 lakh.
- ✶ An Anganwadi Centre building will be constructed at Pagadevanpatti Village at a cost of Rs.10.93 lakh.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** distributed cheques for the crop loans to Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Society beneficiaries in Madurai District on 02.10.2021.

- A Ration shop building will be constructed at Pappapatti Village at an estimate of Rs.14.93 lakh.
- Basic facilities will be provided at an estimate of Rs.48 lakh in the crematoriums in the Villages of Pappapatti, Mahadevanpatti, Peyampatti and Kariyampatti.
- A threshing floor will be set up in Kariyampatti Village at a cost of Rs.6 lakh.
- New street light facility will be provided in Kallupatti colony. Additional street light facilities will be provided in the Villages of Bagadevanpatti and Peyampatti. All these will be implemented at a cost of Rs.1.85 lakh.
- An overhead water tank with a capacity of 30,000 litres will be set up in Pappapatti Village, a new bore well will be provided to Pappapatti and Kallupatti Colony. The estimated expenditure is Rs.25.06 lakh.

Like these, we are ready to implement many schemes. You know well about the schemes that have been announced already and the schemes that have been implemented.

I will keep tabs on the extent of execution of these works and your demands by directly contacting the District Collector through phone or video conferencing once a week.

I give you the hope that all these works will be completed shortly. When I see this crowd, men and women appear to be in equal numbers. So, you know well what the DMK Government is doing for the development of women. This Grama Sabha meeting appears to be a public meeting, crossing the limits of a Village Sabha. But there is no noise from the crowd. That too, there is total silence from the women's side.

From this having seen people participating in the 'Grama Sabha' meeting with eagerness and maintaining decorum, it is evident that we will certainly progress and our Tamil Nadu is to see many developments.

For some days now, an assessment of the performance of Chief Ministers was going on and I am being named as the excellent Chief Minister and number one Chief Minister. I am not proud about it. A stage should come when Tamil Nadu will be adjudged the Premier State in comparison with Other States and it is about to come and it will. For that you should all stand by us. Pappapatti Panchayat also is going to participate in it. Expressing this hope and thanking you all once again, I take leave of you.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister sets ambitious target for exports, eyes a trillion dollars by 2030

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at the Tamil Nadu Exports Conclave on 22.09.2021 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. T.M. Anbarasan, Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu Thiru. V. Irai Anbu who delivered the welcome address, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Union Government Thiru. Sanjay Chadha, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Thiru. Muruganandam, Secretary, Micro, Small and Medium Industries Department, Thiru. Arun Roy, Additional Director, Department of Commerce, Union Government, Thiru. Shanmuga Sundaram who is to propose a Vote of thanks, Senior Officers of Tamil Nadu Government, Experienced Industrialists, Exporters, Newspaper and Media friends, I extend my affectionate regards to all of you.

I am extremely happy to participate in the Tamil Nadu Exports Conclave, conducted with the theme 'Growth through Exports - Tamil Nadu in the Forefront'. It is a happy coincidence that this Conclave is being held at a time when Tamil Nadu is moving towards the premier slot in India after ascending the graph in exports. All over India, the period between September 20 to 26 is celebrated as 'Trade and Commerce' week to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's Independence. In this context, the Minister for Industries and Minister for Rural Industries of Tamil Nadu have arranged the celebration of this week.

Once again, I thank the Ministers and Officers of their Departments.

Industrial growth is not confined to the growth of your Departments, I take it to be the growth of all Departments. That way, it is the State's growth, the Country's growth. If the Industrial sector develops, it means that all sectors flourish. So such Conclaves and Exhibitions should take place more often in Tamil Nadu, not merely in Chennai but all across the State, in all the Districts.

**Today, Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) have been signed for 24 projects with a total investment of Rs.2,120.54 crore and providing job opportunities for 41,695 persons.** These investments will be made in many Districts like Chennai, Tiruvallur, Ranipet, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli to enable dispersed development. At this hour, I convey my appreciation and gratitude to all the investors. Keeping in mind Tamil Nadu's development, this Government will certainly be supportive of exporters and investors at any stage for increasing exports in a big way. I assure you it will continue to extend all support. **I wholeheartedly appreciate Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thangam Thenarasu and Industries Department officers who acted as catalysts for these companies to start their industries**.

Tamil Nadu's industrial development has never been a development of the State alone. It spread all over India, all over the World also. This is what Avvaiyar meant when she said: 'Pursue wealth even across the Seas'. At one point of time in the past, Tamil Nadu witnessed a congregation of Merchants and Traders from all over the World. We have to retrieve that old glory. All our products should be exported throughout the World. Frontline International Industries should start their units in Tamil Nadu. We should go all over the World, the World should come towards Tamil Nadu. In sum, the World should be in the palm of Tamil Nadu's industrial sector. That should be your goal.

like Leather products from Vellore and surrounding Districts, Textiles from Coimbatore and Tiruppur and Automobile components from Chennai.

All should keep in mind that dispersed development alone is acclaimed by the World, uniform growth is the best form of growth. Value-added products capable of meeting Global Standards should be produced. Only that will ensure export growth, in turn it will multiply employment opportunities resulting in revenue to the State. Development should be on the basis of this cycle. Tamil Nadu stands for improvement in the manufacture of Automobile components, Textiles, Jewellery, Leather goods and Footwear. To this list, sectors like Electric vehicles, Electric generators, Renewable energy, Electronics, Food processing, Space and Defence Sectors should be added. That alone will improve Tamil Nadu's export potential. There are plenty of signature products of Tamil Nadu; and they command respect and value globally.

The list of GI tag products in Tamil Nadu is inexhaustible such as Silk sarees of Kancheepuram and Arani, Chinnalapatti Sungudi sarees, Coimbatore Grinders, Thanjavur Paintings, Plates, Swamimalai Sculptures, Bhavani bed mat (Jamakkalam), Pattamadai mats, Madurai Jasmine, Mamallapuram granite statues, Dindigul locks, Sirumalai Plantains etc. You all know there is a very big market abroad

I am proud to state that Tamil Nadu is an excellent State in the industrial field.

- With an export achievement of Rs.1.93 lakh crore, Tamil Nadu is the third big State in exports in India.
- Tamil Nadu's share in the All India exports for the year 2020-2021 was 8.97 per cent.
- In Motor Vehicle production, Tamil Nadu is at the forefront.
- As for Textiles and Ornaments, its share is 58 per cent.
- 45 per cent of Footwear export is by Tamil Nadu.
- It is a matter of great pride that it continues its 25 per cent contribution in the export of electronic machines and appliances.

This success has been achieved by the toil of every Tamilian and encompasses collective striving. We should not be satisfied with this success. These percentages should continuously go up every year.

Export commodities are from diverse regions

for these goods. Our manufacturers of these products can also grow through their exports. These products should be produced on a bigger scale. At the same time, their quality should not suffer. The Government of Tamil Nadu permitted export related institutions to function even in the Corona period with the sole objective that this sector should not be affected on any account. Not only were exports not affected but now they have begun to function in full swing. This has given us great satisfaction. The Government is taking many steps to further improve export capacities.

- ✶ Among these steps, releasing the ‘Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Policy’ is the most important and I am extremely happy about it.
- ✶ A State Export Promotion Committee, headed by the Chief Secretary to Government, is to be set up to further improve exports from the State.
- ✶ Likewise, I am happy to have released a hand-book for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to provide guidance to them.
- ✶ The Tamil Nadu Government is setting up an export-oriented International Furniture Park at Thoothukudi to give further impetus to industrial development in South Tamil Nadu.
- ✶ A Project Monitoring Unit has been set up to supervise the export schemes for the micro, small and medium enterprises.
- ✶ An Export Cell has been created in the Guidance Bureau for removing hurdles connected with exports and for getting approvals.
- ✶ The Tamil Nadu Government plans to set up through SIPCOT, two economic job opportunity zones suitable for exporters on 6,000 acres of land at Maanallur and on 5,000 acres at Thoothukudi.
- ✶ Ten export centres at Tiruppur, Karur, Madurai, Ambur, Thoothukudi, Pollachi, Kancheepuram, Chennai, Kovai and Hosur are to be upgraded.
- ✶ A scheme will be framed to provide concessions in packages for encouraging exporters to produce value-added products.
- ✶ ‘District Export Centres’ are being created in every District for marketing at the Global level, goods that are unique to that District.

- ✶ The Tamil Nadu Government accords very great importance to the Leather industry and supports it. It has sanctioned a subsidy of Rs.60.91 crore (15 per cent) for the upgradation of 10 common effluent treatment plants to be taken up at a cost of Rs.406.06 crore in the State.
- ✶ Cancellation of the 1 per cent market entry tax on cotton and waste cotton is a long-pending demand of Weavers, Entrepreneurs, Spinning Mills, Cotton Producers and Traders. You all know we have now removed the 1 per cent market entry tax. As a result of this, I am happy to say, the Cotton Corporation of India has now come forward to set up cotton godowns at Salem, Madurai, Coimbatore and Virudhunagar.
- ✶ World trade has gone up several-fold due to the growth and services of the digital economy. This has created a great opportunity for our exporters. Taking this into account, Tamil Nadu Government's M-TIPB institution has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Flipkart.
- ✶ To encourage Agricultural growth in the Cauvery Delta Region, the area in between Tiruchi and Nagapattinam Districts has been declared as a corridor for Agro-industries.
- ✶ Food Parks have been set up at Theni, Manapparai and Tindivanam.
- ✶ The Tamil Nadu Government has prepared a plan for setting up a 'Agro Export Service Centre'.

When all these projects are implemented, the growth of Tamil Nadu will be the best in the whole of India. There is no doubt about it. **Considering the multi-faceted capabilities and resources of Tamil Nadu, we can increase our exports manifold. Most of the goods are exported only to some particular Countries. It is not only our wish but our objective that 'Made in Tamil Nadu', on the lines of 'Made in India', should echo in every nook and corner of the World.**

We have set a target of One Trillion US Dollars for the Tamil Nadu economy to reach, before 2030. To achieve this target, we have to increase the State's exports from the present 26 Billion US Dollars to 100 Billion Dollars by 2030. We have taken Tamil Nadu's mega growth in the map of World trade as a challenge and are working round-the-clock for it. To realize this ideal, I am duty-bound to appeal to you that public and private sector institutions should work together.

**Let us take our goods all over the World!**

**We will make Countries of the World turn towards us!**

**Let us rise through exports!**

**Let us always tread the path of progress!**

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 'Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam' in Salem District

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at a function at the Government Higher Secondary school, Vazhapadi in Salem District on 29.09.2021, inaugurated 'Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam' which provides medical assistance to the poor and needy at their dwellings. On the same occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open 1,250 medical camps and distributed welfare assistance worth Rs. 24.74 crore to beneficiaries.

During the Budget Demand for the Health and Family Welfare Department for the year 2021-2022 in the Assembly, it was announced that 'Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam' would be revived and implemented with new vigour by organizing about 1,000 medical camps in a year.

Poor people normally consult Doctors or go to Primary Health Centres, only when they are sick. 'Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam' will prove useful to create awareness among the poor that prevention is better than cure. Through this scheme, people in all Villages, Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations will benefit by getting medical treatment at their doorstep.

Through the scheme, people will be provided medical tests and special medical treatment at their doorstep, diagnosis of diseases through high tech equipment, advice about health conditions, immediate treatment to those afflicted by diseases and improvement in health through education in health awareness.

Annually, 1,250 camps will be conducted in the State under the scheme. In these camps, Multi-Medical Examinations will be conducted for diseases relating to ENT, eyes, teeth, diabetes, high blood pressure, TB, joint and bone related conditions, heart and kidney problems, child welfare, depression problems, special treatment for pregnant women and cancer.

Every month, the place where camps are to be conducted will be identified. The medical groups that should take charge of the camp and also the dates, will be decided in advance.

Arrangements have been made to conduct camps in places where there is no transport facility. During the camps, exhibitions on health welfare will be organized.

After the medical examinations, free treatment and medicines will be given at the camp site itself. If the patient requires further treatment, he will be referred to the hospital depending on the nature of the disease. The patients will be given identity cards with the name of the hospital to which they are referred to and the nature of the disease. All these details will be registered in computers at the District-Level medical camps and further action will be taken.

To conduct these camps in a focused manner, the services of various Medical Departments will be involved including Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Medical Education, Medical and Rural Health Services, Tamil Nadu AIDS Control Society, Blindness Control Society, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation. Social Welfare Department, Education Department and Municipal Administration Department.

At the inaugural function, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, issued identity cards to beneficiaries under the Varumun Kappom Thittam, certificates for the Panchayat Union Presidents who have succeeded in completing cent per cent immunization against COVID, distributed Rs. 1.62 crore as relief to 54 children who had lost their parents due to COVID, on behalf of the Co-operative Department, Rs. 10.20 crore to 618 Members of 21 Primary Agriculture Co-operative credit Societies as crop loans, through Salem District Central Co-operative Bank and 6 Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies to 1,443 members belonging to 115 Self-Help Groups, on behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Department Rs.11.025 crore to 117 Self-Help Groups and on behalf of the Education Department, Rs. 1.91 crore to 14 students for pursuing higher studies, totally Rs. 24.74 crore. ■

# Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates Integrated Maternity Emergency and Infant Intensive care Centre

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Dharmapuri Government Medical College Hospital Complex on 30.09.2021, inaugurated the Integrated Maternity Emergency and Infant Intensive Care Centre, built at a cost of Rs. 10 crore. On the occasion, the Hon’ble Chief Minister also inaugurated 11 schemes, completed at a cost of Rs. 17.44 crore on behalf of the school Education Department, Environment and Climate Change Department, Animal Husbandry Department, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department and Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department.

The Integrated Maternity Emergency and Infant Intensive Care Centre has been set up in the Dharmapuri Government Medical College Hospital Complex at a cost of Rs. 10 crore. It is a basement plus 4 floors building. The basement is for the parking of emergency van and four wheelers, oxygen control room, visitors waiting area, pharmacy and electrical room, the ground floor for emergency treatment wing, maternity wing and waiting room, the first floor for operation theaters, intensive care wing and after delivery care centre, the second floor for Infant intensive care treatment Centre and the third floor for after-delivery care unit and quarantine wing.

For in-patients there are 33 beds in the ground floor, 22 beds in the first floor, 95 beds for infants in the second floor and 50 beds in the third floor, totalling 200 beds. Through these, pregnant women and infants can get high tech treatment.

On behalf of the school Education Department, 5 classrooms for the Palacode Government Girls Higher Secondary school, at a cost of Rs. 85 lakh; 4 classrooms, 2 girls toilets, drinking water facilities and compound wall for the Government Girls Higher Secondary school, Palacode at a cost of 91 lakh; 4 classrooms, 1 Science laboratory, 2 boys and girls toilets each and drinking water facilities, costing Rs. 1.46 crore at Eriyur Government Higher Secondary school; 10 classrooms, 1 Science Laboratory, 2 boys toilets, drinking

water facilities and compound wall, built at a cost of Rs.2.72 crore, Government Higher Secondary school at Marandahalli; 4 classrooms, toilets for boys and girls, drinking water facilities and compound wall, at a cost of Rs.1.34 crore for the Ramagondahalli Government Higher Secondary school, 16 classrooms, 1 science laboratory, 4 toilets and drinking water facilities at Yelagiri Government Higher Secondary school, built at a cost of Rs. 2.90 crore, and school building constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.20 crore for the Government High school at Kannukarampatti.

On behalf of the Pollution Control Board under the Environment and Climate Change Department, District Environment Engineer Office building built at a cost of Rs. 2.26 crore at A.Reddihalli, on behalf of the Animal Husbandry Department a Veterinary Hospital at a cost of Rs. 34 lakh at Murukkampatti, on behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, buildings for the Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres at Nallampalli at a cost of Rs. 2.20 crore and Hostel buildings for the Adi Dravidar Welfare College Girls hostel, built at a cost of Rs. 1.26 crore at Karimangalam.

Totally, 11 completed schemes costing Rs. 17.44 crore were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister honoured the Panchayat Union Presidents and Village Health Nurses of Krishnapuram, Nallasenahalli, Vellolai, K.Naduhalli, Kadagathur, Buganahalli and Bommahalli for achieving cent percent immunization against COVID-19.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** paid a surprise visit on 30.09.2021, to the Ponnagaram Government Adi Dravidar Welfare Students Hostel. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister extended his birthday greetings to Vijay, an inmate of the hostel.

# October 1: Birth anniversary of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tribute to the portrait of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan kept near his statue at Sivaji Ganesan Manimandapam at Adyar, Chennai, to mark the 94th birth anniversary of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan on 01.10.2021

**Release of Pamphlets on life of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan**

**Photo Exhibition on the key events in the life of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan**

# Singara Chennai 2.0

## Hon'ble Chief Minister launches 1,684 battery-operated three wheelers, 15 compactors for Singara Chennai 2.0

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Greater Chennai Corporation Headquarters, Ripon Building on 07.09.2021, flagged off 1,684 Battery-operated three wheeler vehicles and 15 Compactor vehicles, totally costing Rs.36.52 crore, besides handing over appointment orders to 20 persons as a mark of providing employment to the heirs of 195 former Chennai Corporation employees who died in harness.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said,

At the outset, I extend my warm evening welcome to all of you.

My memories went back to 1996 when I entered the Ripon Building today. It was in 1996 that the citizens of Greater Chennai Corporation elected me as Mayor of the Greater Chennai Corporation. Till then, the job of Mayor meant travelling in a Chevrolet car, wearing a traditional Mayoral robe with 100 sovereign gold chain. The Mayor's job was only to attend functions and tour other States and Countries wearing the traditional dress. I changed that practice and made serving the people the Mayor's job and conducted myself in that manner.

Whenever I pass through this road, I look at Ripon Building. For the Swearing in Ceremony as Mayor, a function was organized at Ripon Building. For that function, an invitation was designed and shown to the then Chief Minister Dr.Kalaignar.

Dr.Kalaignar looked at the invitation. In the first page, there was a photograph of Dr.Kalaignar offering me Ponnadai and in the back page the photograph of Ripon Building. Dr.Kalaignar stared at the invitation for a long time.

After we won the 1996 Assembly Election and came to power, many people insisted upon Dr.Kalaignar to include me in the Cabinet. But Kalaignar refused to make me a Minister. I too was not interested in the post of a Minister. Though our friends insisted, Dr.Kalaignar refused to oblige them. After that, Local Body Elections to the Chennai Corporation were held. I successfully contested for the post of Chennai Mayor. I was the first Mayor elected directly by the people of Chennai. At that time, Dr.Kalaignar, looking at the Ripon Building said everybody wanted to make you sit in a small room in Fort St.George but I am proud to make you sit in a big building!

Now the Assembly session is going on and it is to end on the 13th of this month. Normally during the Assembly session, I do not accept any public function as I have to look after Assembly work. But Minister Nehru arranged this function when the House was in session and requested me to flag off the vehicles. Only when I came here, I came to know that a function had been arranged and I was to address the function.

Minister Nehru is always swift in action. That is the reason we have given him the Municipal Administration Department which I was holding earlier.

1,684 vehicles have been kept ready. Today a function was organized to press into service 300 vehicles into operation. Similarly, on compassionate grounds, 195 heirs of employees who died in harness are to get employment orders.

When I took over as the Mayor of the Chennai Corporation, I vowed to convert Chennai into Singara Chennai. Now, not only Singara Chennai, under the Chennai 2.0 programme, many plans have been formulated. As far as Chennai is concerned, there are 3 MPs and 22 MLAs. I would like to inform them and the Hon'ble Minister Thiru.K.N.Nehru, that Chennai is in the list of big Corporations like Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. To add to the reputation of Chennai, many announcements for the Greater Chennai Corporation and its residents had been made by the Minister during his reply to the demand for his Municipal Administration Department. I request the above-mentioned MPs and MLAs to involve themselves in implementing these announcements.

I once again thank you for giving me an opportunity to participate in the function and meet you all.

# Scheme to distribute palm nut seeds takes off

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 17.09.2021, received palm nut seeds from the Hon'ble Speaker Thiru. M. Appavu, as a mark of the latter's making over one lakh palm nut seeds to the Agriculture Department under the Palmyra Development Mission.

Taking into consideration that the number of palm trees are dwindling in the State, the Government in its Agriculture Budget announced that to save the existing palm trees and to increase the number of trees, it had decided to distribute 75 lakh palm nut seeds and one lakh palm seedlings with full subsidy to farmers in 30 Districts. The Budget also made a provision of Rs.3 crore to the Palmyra Development Mission. At that time, the Hon'ble Speaker announced that he would give one lakh palm nut seeds to the farmers under the Palmyra Development Mission. These seeds will be planted along lakes and along the roadsides.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the planting of palm nut seeds under the Palmyra Development Mission at the Secretariat on 17.09.2021.

## Boost to farm production aimed, farmers urged to use free power judiciously

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates scheme for 1 lakh power connections to farmers

New power connections to 1 lakh farmers to improve their welfare.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 23.09.2021, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB), Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) and Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation (TANTRANSCO), inaugurated a scheme for giving one lakh power connections to farmers, at the Anna Centenary Library Complex, and as a mark of the inauguration, issued orders for new power connections to 10 farmers.

In the Energy Department's Budget Demand for 2021-2022 in the Assembly, it was announced that one lakh new farm power connections would be given to increase agriculture productivity and improve the welfare of farmers.

Following the announcement, it was decided to give one lakh new power connections for agriculture in the current year, so far the highest in a year. The scheme, to be implemented at a cost of Rs. 3,025 crore, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Handing over the new power connections to 10 farmers as a token, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said, "I thank the Minister concerned for giving me an opportunity to participate in the function, marking the inauguration of power connections to one lakh farmers, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation and Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation".

It gives me more pleasure as the function is organized at the Anna Centenary Library building, because it is Perarignar Perunthagai Anna, who said that "We see God in the happiness of poor people".

This scheme that will bring smiles on the faces of 1 lakh farmers is being inaugurated through this function.

It will be more appropriate to say that on May 7, I took the ‘responsibility’ of the State and not the ‘post’ of Chief Minister of the State. Till today, **many new schemes have been announced on behalf of the State. The Government wants these schemes to benefit people and reach them at the earliest.**

All the Ministers in the Cabinet are competing with one another in their functioning. A situation has arisen where I am not able to give dates to them immediately. However, Minister Senthilbalaji succeeded in this and got my date immediately to inaugurate the scheme. For this, I greet Thiru. Senthilbalaji and congratulate him.

**Some schemes fulfil immediate needs. Certain schemes need to be implemented for some years. Some other schemes benefit people for generations. The present scheme is one such and will benefit generation after generation. It provides one lakh power connections to farmers.**

The benefits of the scheme will accrue not only to farmers but also to the entire State as the farmers are going to produce foodgrains for us.

During the previous DMK regime in 2006-2011, as informed by the Minister, 2,09,910 connections were given. During the AIADMK regime in 2011-2016, only 82,987 connections were given and in the subsequent AIADMK regime from 2016 to 2021, 1,38,592 connections were given. This is the difference between the DMK and the AIADMK regimes.

In the last 10 years, only 2 lakh connections were given. But within 4 months after we came to power, we are going to give 1 lakh power connections. I should proudly say that no other State is swifter than ours.

The DMK Government always stands for farmers and revolutionalizes agriculture. You should not forget that the DMK stands foremost in protecting the soil, the farmers and the people.

A classic example is the bold adoption of a motion in the Assembly against the 3 farm laws of the Union Government. A few days back, as mentioned by a representative of the farmers union, we adopted the resolution with a warning to the Union Government that the laws should be repealed. The farmers should not forget it. Whether it is an issue like the Cauvery Water Dispute or a demand of the farmers, the present Government will take action immediately. Such is the DMK Government.

Dr. Kalaignar used to say that the first Cauvery Agreement was signed when he was born. To settle the Cauvery issue, it was Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar who took various measures.

A resolution was adopted in the Tamil Nadu Assembly demanding formation of Cauvery Water Tribunal. He also filed a case in the Supreme Court.

By stressing the need for the Tribunal, Dr.Kalaignar made the then Prime Minister V.P.Singh set up the Tribunal in the year 1990. Before the final verdict was pronounced, Dr.Kalaignar got an interim order from the Tribunal.

Again in 1998, he insisted upon the then Prime Minister Mr. Vajpayee to set up the Cauvery Monitoring Board.

The final order of the Tribunal also came during Dr.Kalaignar’s regime in 2007. The verdict was that only When Dr.Kalaignar was the Chief Minister, he convened an All-party meeting and as per the decision of the meeting, the State went to Court.

As per the 2006 election promise made by Dr.Kalaignar, co-operative loans of farmers to the tune of Rs.7,000 crore were waived. Even today, I am thinking about an incident that happened on the date of the Swearing in Ceremony of Dr.Kalaignar in 2006. Normally, after the Swearing in Ceremony, the Chief Minister goes to the Fort where he signs files. But for the first time during the swearing in ceremony in 2006, the file was brought to the place of the function, and Dr.Kalaignar signed the order waiving the co-operative loans of farmers to the tune of Rs.7,000 crore.

Similarly, he gave the assurance that land would be given to landless agriculture workers. Based on the assurance, land was also distributed. A total of 1,89,719 acres of land were distributed to 1,50,159 farmers. To top it all, it was Dr.Kalaignar's regime which announced free power to farmers.

In 1978, farmers agitated for a concession in power tariff. In 1990, they demanded a reduction in power tariff by one paise. Under the leadership of farmer leader late Narayanaswami Naidu, a big agitation was launched throughout Tamil Nadu. We came to power subsequently and Dr. Kalaignar became the Chief Minister. No demand was placed before the Government. No agitation was organized and there was no representation. Dr.Kalaignar announced in the Assembly a scheme whereby farmers would not have to pay a single paise for their agriculture power connection. In continuation of it, the present Government has announced the scheme of giving one lakh new farm power connections.

We are giving one lakh power connections to farmers, that too with no tariff. One should not think that the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board is giving free power as its financial position is good. You all know that the previous rulers have made a mess of the TNEB. The Board has a debt of staggering Rs.1.59 lakh crore. It is paying Rs. 16,000 crore per year as interest. The Board procured power at a very high cost by signing not short-term but long-term agreements. What is more, in the case of thermal power stations, there is a difference between the coal stock shown in the registers and the actual stock at the power stations. Irregularities are there too.

As revealed by the Minister, in the last 10 years, no maintenance work had been taken up and only 1,481 MW of additional power has been installed. Of this, 1,428 MW of power was conceived by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar during his regime between 2006 and 2011. The net result is that the AIADMK Government installed 53 MW only. We can go on listing the pathetic situation of the TNEB.

Now, **steps are being taken to retrieve the Board from the mess created by the previous regime. Maintenance work is being carried out at a faster phase. We have conceived new programmes to generate 17,980 MW of power in the next 10 years. Already, work has started for implementing those programmes**.

We are going to give priority to solar energy. **The first Solar Park is to come up in Thiruvarur.** We have entered into an agreement with the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IRDA) on 06.09.2021 to raise Rs.1,32,500 crore for solar power, hydro electric and mechanical power generation schemes.

I am proud to say that Tamil Nadu is the only State which has signed the biggest agreement in the Non-renewable energy field. We have also been studying the possibilities of setting up a natural gas plant at Ennore. We have taken steps to reduce power loss.

Above all we are taking swift measures to settle the grievances of power consumers. Within a month after coming to power, I inaugurated a grievances redressing centre by launching an App. I would like to mention here that about 90 per cent of grievances received by the App have been addressed.

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board is an organisation that is directly in contact with people. I have issued strict instructions to the Minister and officials that it should be run in such a way that nobody is able to find fault with the working of the Board.

I appeal to those who received power supply today to use electricity judiciously as the production cost of power is very high. As far as possible, use the free power frugally.

To retrieve the TNEB from the mess created by the previous Government, not only the Officials, but also Consumers should co-operate to a certain extent.

We have launched the present scheme to improve farm productivity.

It will be the basis for sparking a revolution in the agriculture field in the State and for increasing the area under cultivation.

**Thiru. Senthilbalaji, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, has launched the scheme beneficial to farmers, for which I once again thank the Minister.**

**Let us all join together and protect the earth and its people.**

# Hon'ble Chief Minister visits old tree in hospital complex, opens centre for BP, diabetes tests

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin declared open a 'Makkalai thedi Maruthuvam', set up at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai on 24.09.2021. About 25,000 persons, 15,000 out patients, 3,800 in patients and their relatives, visit Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital every day. The newly opened Medical Centre will undertake BP and Diabetes tests on persons above 30 years of age among the visitors and evaluate high BP possibilities in those above 18 years old.

The International Week of Deaf People is observed this year from September 20 to 26. The last day of the week, September 26 is the International Day of Deaf People. In the event organized in the hospital in connection with this International week, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed high quality appliances to detect the level of deafness and surgical tools, costing together Rs.98.80 lakh to the Heads of ENT (ear, nose, throat) Departments in the Krishnagiri and Tiruchirappalli Government Medical College Hospitals and in the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also presented hearing aids to hearing impaired old people, switched on the equipment that will enable children who have undergone ear surgery to hear for the first time. He also blessed children who have regained speaking ability after a year-long speech therapy.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the 150-year-old Baobab tree in the Rajiv Gandhi General Hospital complex and declared open a stone inscription incorporating details of the tree. This tree, one of the ancient species, belongs to Africa. It has a life span of 500 years. Its leaves are rich in vitamin C. The circumference of its trunk is 37 ft. and it grows to a height of 65 ft. This rare tree shines as one of the hoary symbols of the more than 150 year old Chennai General Hospital with a tradition of its own. ■

# Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award revived after ten years, ten scholars selected

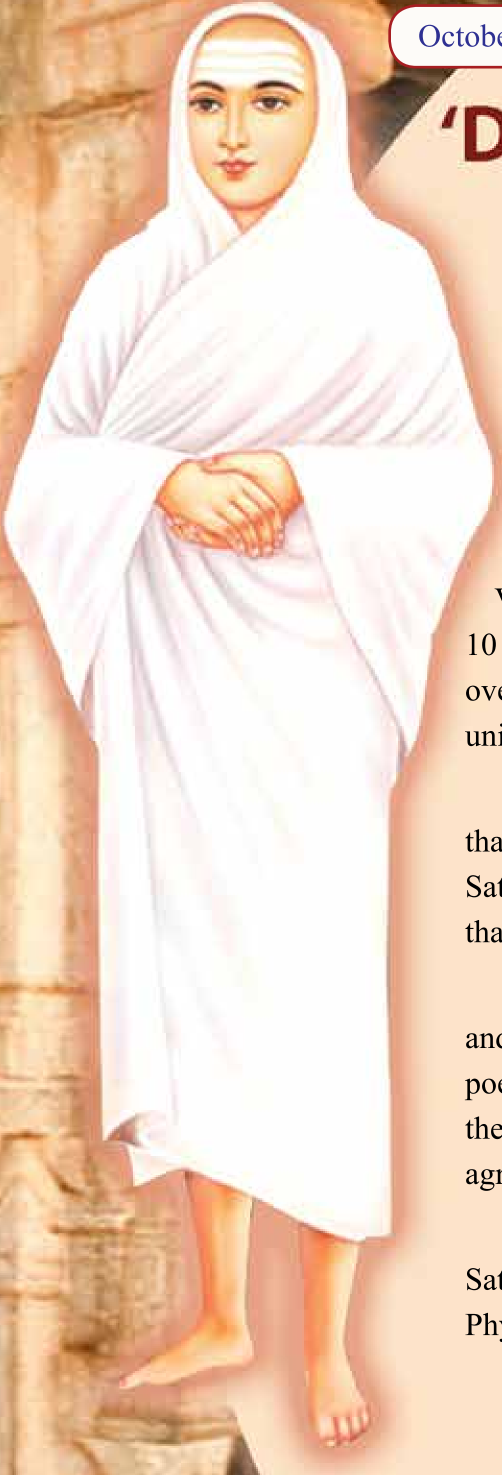
Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Awards, instituted by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil of the Union Government, had not been announced from the years 2010 to 2019. After Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin took charge of the new Government, steps for the development of the Institute have been taken. As a part of these measures, the 8th Administrative Committee meeting of the Institute was held on 30.08.2021 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

At the meeting the following 10 persons were selected for the Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award.

- 2010 - Dr.V.S.Rajam (Former Senior Lecturer, Department of South Asia Regional Studies, University of Pennsylvania)
- 2011 - Prof. Pon.Kothandaraman (Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras.)
- 2012 - Prof.E.Sundaramurthi (Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University).
- 2013 - Prof.P.Marudhanayagam (Former Registrar, Puducherry University)
- 2014 - Prof.Ku. Mohanarasu (Former Professor and Chairman, Tirukkural Research Centre, University of Madras, Chennai)
- 2015 - Prof. Maraimalai Ilakkuvanar (Former Tamil Professor, Presidency College, Chennai)
- 2016 - Prof. K.Rajan (Former Professor, History Department, Puducherry University)
- 2017 - Prof. Ulrick Nicklaus (Professor and Head of the Institute of Indology and Tamil Studies, Cologne University, Germany)
- 2018 - Kavignar Erode Tamilanban (Former Professor, New College, Chennai)
- 2019 - Prof. K.Sivamani (Former Principal Karanthai Pulavar College, Thanjavur, and Tiruvalluvar College, Nellai).

The Awards will soon be handed over to the selected Tamil Scholars in function of Scholars and people soon. Work has already started for selecting Awardees of the Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Awards for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

October 5: Birth anniversary of Arutprakasa Vallalar



# 'Day of Abounding Compassion'

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** 05.10.2021 *(English Translation).*

Saint Ramalinga Adigalar, popularly known as Arutprakasa Vallalar, was born on 05.10.1823 in Marudur Village, about 10 km from Chidambaram in Cuddalore District. Compassion was the overwhelming note of his great life. To emphasize the encompassing unity of all spiritual paths, he founded 'Samarasa Suddha Sanmargam'.

At Vadalur, he set up the Satya Gnana Sabhai. The saint, who said that he felt agonized whenever he saw crops withering, set up the Sathiya Dharma Saalai to appease the hunger of the people. The hearth that he lit to feed the poor burns to this day.

Saint Vallalar's prose works include 'Manumurai Kanda Vaasagam' and 'Jeevakaarunya Ozhukkam'. The compilation of his devout Tamil poetry is called Thirattu Thiruvarutpa, divided into 6 Thirumurais. In the $6^{th}$ Thirumurai he proclaims that the tenets of all spiritual paths are agreeable to him.

Besides setting up Samarasa Suddha Sanmarga Sathiya Sangam and Sathiya Dharmasalai, Vallalar established Siddhivalagam. He was the Physician who cured people of the disease of hunger.

His mantra of

*'Arutperum Jothi, Arutperum Jothi,*
*Thanipperum Karunai, Arutperum Jothi'*

emphasizes the spiritual unity of all beings and dispelling ignorance, fosters love and understanding. Henceforth, every year, October 5, the day of Saint Vallalar's advent will be observed as 'Thanipperum Karunai Day' .

# Felicitation function for successful candidates of Civil Services Examinations

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, at the felicitation function for the successful Candidates of Civil Services Examinations conducted by the UPSC at the Anna Institute of Management in Chennai on 01.10.2021 *(English Translation)*.

The Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resource Management has come to attend this function which is aimed at congratulating the youth who have won the All India Civil Services Examination

The Chief Secretary to Government who took to welcome everyone, the Secretary of Public Department, the Secretary of Human Resource Management Department, Officers working at Anna Institute of Management, the ones seated here as Winners who deserve to be congratulated, their parents seated here with the pride of having given birth to them, I would like to express my heartfelt greetings and thanks to all of you.

Government service is a job that may be of interest to the youth of Tamil Nadu. In particular, the Indian Civil Service is a dream come true for numerous young people.

Youth from States all over the Country work hard right from an early age in their attempt to clear this examination. Sometimes the parents of many aspiring candidates may be either I.A.S. or I.P.S. Officers themselves. The aspirants study in reputed Universities of the Country and concentrate on the examination right from their college days. So this examination has always been a tough nut to crack.

One reason for the youth to aspire to get through this examination is that those running the Government Administration now are those who have qualified in these examinations.

As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, it always gives precedence to social justice. For Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Muthamizh Arignar

Kalaignar, the uplift of those who were neglected by society, was their life's goal. Earlier, this examination was the privilege of well-to-do people only. But to make people in the last rung of society to write this examination, Tamil Nadu laid the foundation in 1966 by setting up an examination training centre for Scheduled Castes. But to make the training available to all the Backward Classes and the Most Backward Classes, another special examination centre was set up in 1971.These two training centres were merged in the year 2000 by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar and named as training centre for All India Civil Services Examinations and were brought under the Anna Institute of Management.

To guide and help the youth from poor families and help them face the examinations confidently, boarding and lodging have been provided to them at Government expense. The Government is running the Institute to help youth focus exclusively on the examination. It is a forerunner to other States in this matter. **It is heartening to know that the States such as West Bengal and Telangana are making enquiries about the Institute so that they can also set up a similar training institute in their State.**

Every year 325 candidates are selected through a transparent entrance examination. The selected candidates are admitted for training for the first grade examinations. Of them, 225 candidates are allowed to stay in the hostel itself and the other 100 students are permitted as part-time trainees. Those who qualify in the first grade examinations are admitted for training for the main examinations. In these two examinations, the State's reservation policy is enforced and youth from all communities are given opportunities.

I can say with authority that this training institute is a great opportunity for youth as they have facilities like free boarding and lodging, experienced teachers and administrators to share their experience, thousands of books for reference and a protected campus. **Those who are selected for the main examination training are given a monthly book allowance of Rs.3,000 to equip themselves for the examination.**

To help the successful candidates in the main examination face the personal interview confidently, mock interviews are conducted and their performance is recorded. The recorded discs are given to individual candidates so that they can see their shortcomings themselves. They are also given Rs. 5,000 each as travelling allowance to participate in the interview in New Delhi, arrangements for their stay in Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi are also made.

I am really happy to know that this centre is serving as a high-class guiding centre, providing all facilities to candidates. We have all assembled here to felicitate the successful UPSC candidates of 2020 batch. Of the successful candidates, 7 are women. Nine candidates had undergone training here. Of them, one is a differently-abled person, who through his hard work got selected for this service. **When I heard that one of the successful candidates is a differently-abled person, I personally felt happy since I hold the portfolio of the Department for the welfare of the Differently-Abled.**

You are among the lakhs of aspiring candidates who wrote the examination. You succeeded because of your hard work. The confidence and enthusiasm given by your parents made you work hard and succeed.

Civil Services are one among the 3 pillars of a democracy, the other two being the Legislature and Courts. You have the greatest responsibility of taking the Government schemes and laws to the poor people without any diversion. The tough examination is to test the capabilities of candidates in quick decision making, swift implementation, tireless work, capacity to encourage subordinates, leadership qualities based on self-confidence and the courage to face problems head on. This is the reason why this

examination is considered one of the toughest in the world.

Your success in the examination gives pride not only to you, but also to your family and to the State. I am sure that when you take higher Government posts, you will work with dedication to ensure that all the welfare schemes reach the poor without any diversion of benefits. I know that when you work in higher posts at the all-India level, you will not forget your native place and your mother tongue.

Getting through the Civil Services Examination is only your passport. It is not your ticket. This is only the beginning of your career. Your challenges start only now and you have to work hard right from now.

You are going to be trained for the work to be executed in the next two years. You must utilize this opportunity to hone your skills, learn about the depth of administration from your seniors and improve your social intelligence. You must learn how to face difficult situations without losing confidence. You must develop the art of handling different issues at the same time and improve your thinking power. You must be careful in learning the principles of life from others.

You must always think that your present success is not for an individual but for society. I would like to point out that you must link your **training with implementation on the field. Only then will the training be fruitful and transform you into a glowing diamond, a lustrous gem, into shining gold and lustrous pearl.**

After coming to the Indian Administrative Service, you should not forget your native place. You should not have the feeling that you belong to a powerful administrative group. You should not plan how to enjoy Government facilities and perquisites. **You must function with integrity and honesty and be duty-conscious at every turn**. Many people will try to misguide you during your career. You should not succumb to their temptations, it is your duty to be upright and function with honesty of purpose.

When you serve in the Indian Civil Service, or in other Civil Services, it is important to love the people. You should always have the feeling that you are working for them. You should not run away from problems. On the other hand, **you should find the root of the problems and find solutions for them.**

Perarignar Anna used to say this often that "Go to the people, live with them, be friendly with them and learn from them. Begin from what they know. Build with what they have. After you have completed your work, return after giving them satisfaction."

**Every successful candidate in the civil services should keep these words in mind. Whenever you encounter any problem, recollect these words.**

I would like to advise you as an elder brother, that you should earn the reputation of being a great officer. You should be an officer who is held in regard by the people, your good name should precede you wherever you go. Once again I congratulate you and wish you good luck.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister opens Police Museum, interacts with students, distributes sweets

The old Police Commissioner's Office Complex in Chennai Egmore has been converted into a Museum at a cost of Rs.6.47 crore. The Museum set up on a 24,000 sq.ft area has two floors. On the ground floor, police vehicles, uniforms, musical instruments, achievements of the Police Department, idols recovered by the Department, fake note printing machines, bombs, instruments that are used to detect bombs and models of prisons are displayed. On the first floor, guns that were used over the years, swords and cartridges are on public display.

Model medals that are being given from Police Constables to higher officials are also displayed in the Museum. Important historical documents and announcements made in connection with the Police Department, arms used by the police during the British Raj, earlier-day uniforms of the Tamil Nadu Police, photos of sniffer dogs, important historical news clippings, rare old articles kept in the office of the Police Commissioner, marching symbols, wireless communication gadgets, Police service medals, and art objects are kept for display. The Police Museum has CCTV cameras, fire-fighting equipment, drinking water facilities, rain water harvesting, canteen and ticket issuing counters.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion interacted and distributed sweets to students who had come to visit the Museum. The Museum will be open for public view from October 1 and there will be no entrance fee for school students.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister interacts with Hill Tribes, promises all facilities to improve living standards

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin interacted with hill tribes, farmers and members of Women Self-Help Groups at the Primary Health Centre in the Vattal Hills in Dharmapuri District on 30.09.2021.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said, "I am really happy to participate in this function, meet you all, especially tribal people and hear your demands in person. Those who spoke before me expressed the opinion that today is the most memorable day for them as they had an opportunity to meet me on this occasion. On the other hand, I am more happy to meet you all at this function. I got opportunities to participate in various Government functions in Salem and Dharmapuri Districts and hear your grievances".

In Salem, I inaugurated 'Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam'. You should not think that this scheme is a new one. This scheme was launched by Dr. Kalaignar when he was the Chief Minister and was well received by the people. It was successfully implemented, benefiting the poor, marginal and middle class people. But due to a change of Government, this scheme was put in cold storage. Now, Kalaignar rule is back in the State. I never say that it is my Government and my rule. On the other hand, I say it is our Government and our rule. The Government is for the welfare of our people. We are running the Government only on that basis.

We are conducting health camps in tiny Villages and providing medicines for the participants. Here, a sister said that the medical

facilities are coming to their doorstep. She said proudly that she has a Government where the medicines, whether it is for BP or 'sugar', come to her home. So we are treating sick people in their houses and providing them medicines.

Earlier, there was a situation where only well-do people were able to get treatment in hospitals. Now we have changed the situation. Under the present Government, even if you have money we have created an environment in which you need not visit hospitals but get treatment in your houses.

Meanwhile, I would like to tell you that for almost two years or 1 year and 9 months, we have been facing many issues due to Corona, about which you all know. As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, I won't say that we have wiped out the dreaded disease. But we have kept the disease under control. This itself is a great achievement. On the one side, we have a medical crisis and on the other side, financial constraints. We are facing both these critical issues at the same time.

During the beginning of the Corona pandemic, the Government was forced to clamp full lockdown because the pandemic could be controlled only by full lockdown. We gave an assurance at the time of elections, not only to the poor and downtrodden but also to all people that we would provide relief for their livelihood. After coming to power, we said that the Corona relief of Rs. 4,000 would be given on June 3, the birth anniversary of Kalaignar. But immediately after coming to power we distributed the Corona Relief of Rs.4,000 to all rice card holders even before June 3, taking into consideration the livelihood of people. You all know that this is Kalaignar's rule. During the election campaign parties assure you that they will do many things if they come to power. That is the normal practice of all political parties. I do not want to go into the issue of whether they fulfill those promises or not.

But as far as the DMK is concerned, we gave 505 assurances to the people. I can boldly say out of the 505 assurances, we are already implementing 202 assurances and have issued necessary Government orders for them. The remaining assurances will surely and definitely be implemented. I would like to make this assurance at this time.

One of the important assurances was on setting up an Adi Dravidar Commission. We have set up the Commission and the required Draft Bill was brought in the Assembly. Soon the Chairman and Members of the Commission will be appointed. I assure you that the Government will implement all the recommendations of the Commission, after due consideration. You give your representations to the Commission. The present Government is one which will hear all your representations and implement them.

In Salem District, I met the Tapioca Farmers and Sago Manufacturers and heard their grievances. Similarly, I also met the Micro, Small and Medium scale entrepreneurs. We will solve their grievances in a phased manner. The present Government will hear your grievances and redress them. This is the DMK Government. I am meeting you now to hear your problems and solve them. I want to give that assurance to you at this juncture.

You told me about road conditions and transport facilities. Members of the women Self-Help Groups who assembled here said that SHGs were first formed by Dr. Kalaignar in Dharmapuri District during his rule. This is history. Subsidy components, bank loan and revolving fund were given to the members of the SHG. When I was the Deputy Chief Minister, I used to tour Districts thrice a month and directly hand over subsidies and bank loans to them. I linked the distribution of funds to the SHG members to the functions I attended. We gave the SHGs that much importance. But during the last 10 years, the SHGs could not go to banks, get bank loans and revolving funds. Now the DMK has come to power again. A better environment will be created for them. The purpose of starting SHGs is to make women stand on their own feet without depending on others. They should live independently with self-respect. Now you know a revival has come for those SHGs. I don't differentiate between tribal people and others. I see all of you as one of us.

I feel limitless happiness and enthusiasm seeing your faces. Believe me, we will surely fulfill all your demands for your basic needs and provide you all facilities.

With this assurance, I once again thank you for your presence.

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, distributed free house pattas worth Rs. 14.40 lakh to 36 beneficiaries and e-ration cards to 3 beneficiaries, under the Social Security scheme, Old Age Assistance, natural death and accident relief assistance, worth Rs. 99.54 lakh to 492 beneficiaries, on behalf of Differently-Abled Welfare Department, battery-operated wheelchairs to 26 persons, costing Rs.25.99 lakh.

On behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, sewing machines, free houses, house site pattas and milch cows, land pattas to 27 beneficiaries costing Rs.22.44 lakh. On behalf of the Backward and the Most Backward Classes Department, cost-free iron boxes, worth Rs. 1.70 lakh, to 35 beneficiaries, on behalf of the Micro, Small and Medium-term Enterprises Department, loans worth Rs.44.92 lakh with subsidies to 4 entrepreneurs for starting new industries.

On behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Micro irrigation implements worth Rs. 5.65 lakh to 5 beneficiaries, on behalf of the Horticulture and Plantation Crops Department, various kinds of welfare assistance with subsidies to 59 farmers, worth Rs. 95.73 lakh, on behalf of Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission, big loans worth Rs. 85 lakh to 3 Panchayat based SHGs, on behalf of the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, Rs.18.23 lakh to 554 beneficiaries as death assistance, educational assistance, pension and marriage assistance.

On behalf of the Social Welfare Department's Social Defence section, sewing machines at no cost to 6 beneficiaries worth Rs. 38,400. On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department financial assistance worth Rs. 9.75 crore was given to 780 beneficiaries for construction of green houses, private wells, cattle sheds, goat sheds, distribution of iron boxes, hairdressing instruments, sewing machines, tamarind processing machines and other welfare assistance and on behalf of the Social Welfare and Women's Rights Department, under the Social Security Department COVID-19 Relief of Rs. 2.58 crore to 86 children, who lost both their parents or either one of them.

Totally, welfare assistance to the tune of Rs. 16.47 crore to 2,116 beneficiaries was distributed and as a token, the assistance was handed over to 10 beneficiaries by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicates 29 completed works at Attur

At an event held at Attur, Salem District on 29.09.2021, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin dedicated 29 completed works costing Rs.31.99 crore and laid the foundation for 13 new schemes valued at Rs.23.28 crore.

The completed works are, Attur Regional Transport Office building at a cost of Rs.3 crore, an Integrated Agriculture Extension Centre Building at Mecheri under National Agriculture Development scheme on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare at a cost of Rs. 2 crore and a sub-extension centre at Thammampatti at a cost of Rs.40 lakh, hostel building for students at Salem Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs.7.10 crore, ultra modern cancer treatment equipment at a cost of Rs.3.10 crore, heart surgery equipments at a cost of Rs.2.90 crore and renal surgery and kidney transplant surgical tools at a cost of Rs.5.15 crore on behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare;

Residential building for Mettur Tahsildar at a cost of Rs.28 lakh, Office building for Salem Revenue Divisional Officer at a cost of Rs.2.12 crore on behalf of the Revenue Department, Veterinary Pharmacy buildings at Chettikadu and Vellarivelli at a cost of Rs.80 lakh on behalf of the Animal Husbandry Department, class rooms and science laboratories at Government Higher Secondary school, V.Mettupalayam at a cost of Rs.1.46 crore, science laboratories and toilets at Government Girls Higher Secondary school, Peddanaickenpalayam at a cost of Rs.21 lakh, Science Laboratory, Art and Handicraft class room at Kondayampalli Government Higher Secondary school, Gangavalli Taluk at a cost of Rs.33 lakh on behalf of the Department of School Education, Panchayat office buildings at Veppilai and A.Thazhaiyur Panchayats at a cost of Rs.38 lakh, a nursery at Sanarapatti Panchayat at a cost of Rs.22 lakh, classroom buildings in elementary schools at Nadupatti and M.Kalipatti Panchayats

and at Mannanaickenpatti and Kovalankadu Panchayat Unions at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh, classroom buildings in Peddanaickenpalayam Panchayat Union and in Periya Krishnapuram and Thalavaipatti Panchayats at a cost of Rs.36 lakh, micro nutrient centres set up at Veerapandi Panchayat Union and at Vembadithalam and Perumagoundampatti Panchayats at a cost of Rs. 42 lakh, micro nutrient centres at Mallamupatti and Vellarivelli at a cost of Rs. 45 lakh and an auditorium at the Government Boys Higher Secondary school at Vazhapadi at a cost of Rs.14 lakh on behalf of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat; residence for teacher, kitchen and dining hall buildings at the Government Scheduled Tribes Welfare Residential Elementary school at Kalvarayan Malai-Karumanthurai at a cost of Rs.57 lakh on behalf of the Department of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes Welfare, totally there are 31 completed works costing Rs.31.99 crore.

Works for which foundation stone has been laid are office buildings with residence for Revenue Inspectors at Kondalampatti, Mettur and Tharamangalam at a cost of Rs. 64 lakh and office buildings for Village Administrative Officer at Thinnapatti, Vellapuram and Koneripatti at a cost of Rs.48 lakh on behalf of the Department of Revenue; office building for Traffic Inspector at Vazhapadi at a cost of Rs.1.62 crore on behalf of the Transport Department; hostel building for the Most Backward Class students (women) at Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital at a cost of Rs.4.24 crore on behalf of the Department of Backward and Minorities Welfare; office building for the Regional Joint Director (Training) at the campus of Government Industrial Training Institute (women) in Salem at a cost of Rs.1.06 crore on behalf of the Department of Labour Welfare and Skill Development; construction of classrooms in the Government Higher Secondary School for Boys at Jalakandapuram at a cost of Rs.1.31 crore on behalf of the Department of School Education; building visitors area and setting up a commercial complex at Cattle Research Park, Thalaivasal at a cost of Rs.12.13 crore, building for production of liquid semen of sheep species at a cost of Rs. 85 lakh on behalf of the Department of Animal Husbandry, a hostel building for the attendants of in-patients at Attur Government Hospital Complex under the National Urban Livelihood Scheme at Attur Municipality at a cost of Rs.95 lakh on behalf of the Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply, totally 13 new schemes valued at a total cost of Rs.23.28 crore. ■

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** visited the B.P. International Export Corporation at the SIDCO Women Industrial Park at Karuppur, Salem district on 29.09.2021 and inspected the production of readymade garments.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister assures Sago manufacturers of help in boosting the Industry to Global Level

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at an interactive meeting with Tapioca Farmers and Sago Manufacturers' Representatives on 29.09.2021 *(English Translation)*.

After declaring open an electronic auction centre, constructed at a cost of Rs.1.26 crore in the campus of the Salem Starch and Sago Manufacturers Service Industrial Co-operative Society (Sagoserv), Salem District and a Direct Sales Point building, built at a cost of Rs.33.60 lakh for improving the value and benefits of sago nutrition and develop its sales, on 29.09.2021. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin spoke at an interactive meeting with Tapioca Farmers and Sago Manufacturers' Representatives. He said,

I extend my affectionate greetings to all of you.

You are strengthening the industrial sector through tapioca cultivation and production of sago and starch. At the outset I convey my respects to all of you.

After regime change in Tamil Nadu, we have implemented many schemes in the last 4 months. To mention pointedly, we gave assurances to people before the election, we

published them as a book and distributed it, we had given more than 500 assurances and I am proud to say that nearly more than 200 of them have been implemented.

You all know well that the present Government is a responsive Government to the views and sentiments of people. Honouring a word once said is our very important policy and today we are following it. You all know well that we have presented a historic exclusive Budget, unheard of in any other State in India. That Budget was not prepared unilaterally by me or by Ministers or by the Officials present. That Budget was prepared after ascertaining the sentiments of all the stake holders involved. In the first phase the Minister concerned/Officers of the Department visited every District, interacted with Agriculturists, Representatives, Executives and Comrades of their Associations, listened to their demands and held a second round of talks with them at Chennai. Only afterwards, the Budget was prepared and presented in the Assembly.

Now, I have come here to listen to your demands. Not only to listen but to implement them and give an assurance to you also.

Acceding to the demand of sago manufacturers, we have already announced in the Assembly that new storage facilities will be set up. You have already placed the demand that awareness about sago food should be spread and fair price to manufacturers should be ensured. Over and above that, you wanted the setting up of a committee to prevent and monitor adulteration and a fair price to the public. First, I will give you the assurance that all these demands will be carried out in stages.

You would have realized how much the industrial sector has been rejuvenated in these 4 months after the DMK took over. In particular, we have conducted two important conferences. One, 'Investors' first choice', was held at Chennai and the foremost industrialists participated and honoured that conference. I firmly stated there that elevating Tamil Nadu to the status of the topmost State in the whole of South East Asia for starting industry was my goal. To achieve that, the process to set up an industry was simplified a little, a single window procedure was started and I inaugurated Portal 2.0 on that day.

To attract new industries to Tamil Nadu, we have to set up infrastructure facilities of global standards. We have started to work on that. **The Tamil Nadu Government signed 35 Memoranda of Understanding in that conference to start new industries. Through them, an investment of Rs.17,141 crore has been attracted. To say more proudly, we are going to create conditions for 55,000 persons to get jobs.**

We conducted the second conference under the title 'Buoyancy in Exports – Tamil Nadu in the Forefront'. Through that conference, **25 new Memoranda of Understanding worth Rs.2,180 crore were signed. This will create job opportunities for 42,145 persons.** Like these, we are about to start many industries.

Tamil Nadu, with an export account of Rs.1.93 lakh crore, is the 3rd biggest exporting State in India. This Government's goal is to make the State a Premier State in exports.

For that we have released the Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Policy. A State-Level Committee has been set up for export development. A handbook on Small, Micro and Medium-level Export Industries has also been released.

The ten Export Centres to be upgraded are Tiruppur, Karur, Madurai, Ambur, Thoothukudi, Pollachi, Kancheepuram, Chennai, Kovai and Hosur.

Like these, we have announced a number of new initiatives. Production and Export should both increase in Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu Government is designing all its plans in that direction.

The Tamil Nadu Government has framed its industrial policy without giving any room for discrimination such as urban-rural, that District - this District, that industry-this industry and big industry-small industry. I make the request at this hour that industrialists too should co-operate with the Government without showing any discrimination.

**Our Government's goal is to lift Salem District which is a model for India in the sago industry – to international standards. To execute that, tapioca farmers and sago factories should work in unison. I have stated several times that this is not my Government; it is our Government. Hence, our Government will provide full co-operation to your efforts.** With this assurance, I wind up my speech.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects Hogenakkal Combined Water Supply Treatment Plant

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin visited the Hogenakkal combined water supply scheme's water treatment plant at Yanai Pallam, Hogenakkal, Dharmapuri District on 30.09.2021, and the Booster pumping station for the water supply scheme and reviewed them.

To provide protected water to the people of Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri Districts, sanction was accorded for the Hogenakkal Water Supply and Fluoride Mitigation scheme to be implemented at a total cost of Rs.1,928.80 crore with the Japan Bank for International Co-operation funding Rs.1,585.60 crore, State Government's minimum funding of Rs.307.48 crore and Rs.35.72 crore as Urban Local Bodies' share. Foundation for the project was laid by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar on 26.02.2008.

Fund allocation order was obtained through the JBIC (Japan Bank for International Co-operation) on account of the exceptional efforts of the then Local Administration Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin and project works commenced on 10.02.2010. The water supply scheme is being implemented to benefit a Municipal Corporation, 2 Municipalities, 16 Town Panchayats and 7,582 Rural Households. The beneficiaries are the Dharmapuri Municipality, 10 Town Panchayats and 3,245 Rural Households in 10 Panchayat Unions, Hosur Municipal Corporation in Krishnagiri District, Krishnagiri Municipality, 6 Town Panchayats and 4,337 households in 10 Panchayat Unions.

Further, the scheme has been implemented across rocky areas, high altitude areas and forest areas with potential threat from wild animals so that hill region people living in very high altitudes in Dharmapuri District can benefit.

To cite an example, the hamlet Pettamukilalam in Kelamangalam Panchayat Union is at a height of 1,245.186 metres. The river bed in Hogenakkal where water is tapped, is at 246.650 metres. Water supply is made after pumping the water in various stages to a height of about 1,000 metres.

At present, as per the mid-scheme design, water is supplied to a Municipal Corporation, 2 Municipalities, 16 Town Panchayats and 7,582 Rural Households.

In this situation, following complaints from the public that water supply is not regular in some parts in the Districts of Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri, the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board has taken the following steps as per Hon'ble Chief Minister's order:

- Against the designed supply of 127 million litres for the year 2021, the supply has been increased to 145 million litres, taking into account the increased population.
- An additional supply of 7.70 lakh litres is being made to 153 households, found to be affected by fluoride.
- 208 un-approved water connections have been disconnected.

On account of damages to water mains due to many reasons including road widening, water could not reach 819 households in the Districts of Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri. After rectification, water is now being supplied to 283 households, work is going on for 135 and a tender has been floated for water supply works to 401 households.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed all these works, and directed that they be completed swiftly so that the households get water supply soon.

# Road in Erode named after Tiruppur Kumaran

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, declared open the name board of Thiyagi Kumaran Salai, Sampath Nagar, Erode, through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 04.10.2021.

Thiyagi Kumarasami, popularly known as Tiruppur Kumaran, was born in 1904 to Natchimuthu and Karuppayi in Chennimalai, in Erode District. He sacrificed his life for the Freedom of the Country in 1932. To honour his sacrifice, a resolution was adopted at the Erode Corporation meeting to rename Sampath Nagar Main Road, opposite the Erode District Collectorate as Thiyagi Kumaran Salai, and the resolution was sent to the Government through the District Collector for its permission.

Following this, to honour the memory of Tiruppur Kumaran on his birth anniversary, the Government issued the Order on 03.10.2021 renaming Sampath Nagar Main Road as Thiyagi Kumaran Salai, Sampath Nagar.

Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru.M.P.Saminathan and Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare Tmt.N.Kayalvizhi Selvaraj, garlanded the statue of freedom fighter Tiruppur Kumaran at his memorial in Tiruppur District on 04.10.2021.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates ICDC at Kolathur

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin declared open on 20.09.2021, in areas coming under the Kolathur Assembly Constituency, an Integrated Child Development Centre (ICDC), ration price shop, playground and park, at an estimated cost of Rs. 83 lakh and also distributed Welfare Assistance to 167 Beneficiaries. In addition, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over Laptops and Certificates to 157 Students qualifying in Tally from the Anitha Achievers Academy.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Integrated Child Development Centre (ICDC), near the St.Mary's School, constructed at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh, the ration shop, built at a cost of Rs.24.60 lakh on Pallavan Road, and Children's playground and park on $3^{rd}$ Cross Street in Srinivasa Nagar, set up at a cost of Rs.28.95 lakh, all under the Kolathur Assembly Constituency. These works are carried out from the MLA's Constituency Development Fund. Later, the Hon'ble Chief Minister interacted with the children and distributed sweets.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over Laptops and Certificates to 157 students who were trained in Tally in the Anitha Achievers' Academy.

Following these activities, the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the MLA's Office distributed Welfare Assistance, including Educational Grant to College Students, Medical Assistance, Marriage Assistance, Grinders, Iron Boxes, Push Carts and Fish Carts to 167 beneficiaries belonging to the Constituency.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister opens Rs.15.31 lakh auditorium at school in Kolathur Constituency

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin, on 05.10.2021, declared open an Auditorium, constructed at a cost of Rs.15.31 lakh, at the Chennai Middle school, Rangasayee Street in Sembium under the Kolathur Assembly Constituency, distributed educational accessories to school and College Students and felicitated school Teachers.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated and inspected the upgraded playground with facilities like children play accessories and badminton court, all at a cost of Rs.26.18 lakh, on Parthasarathy Street in Sembium.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inspected and reviewed the construction of temporary buildings at Everwin school, to accommodate a Government Arts College, to be set up by the HR & CE Department.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open the Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi Park, set up over an area of 7,500 sq.ft. at a cost of Rs. 56 lakh on 5th Street in Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar with facilities like artificial water springs, Yoga Hall and walking area.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed welfare assistance to 48 beneficiaries at the Kolathur Assembly Constituency Office. The assistance includes educational accessories to school and college students, educational grant, medical assistance, marriage grant, motorized tricycles, push carts , hearing aids and fish cart vehicles.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin in the Kolathur Constituency, inaugurated an Auditorium, a park and a playground built at a total cost of Rs.97.49 lakh and gave away welfare assistance to the beneficiaries on 05.10.2021

# Hon'ble Chief Minister reviews pre-monsoon work in Greater Chennai areas, advises swift completion

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin reviewed on 25.09.2021, the progress of precautionary measures being taken in Gandhi Mandapam Road, Indira Nagar, Thiruvanmiyur, Pallikaranai and Velachery areas against possible North-East monsoon rain damages, clearing of storm water drainage works to prevent flooding and removal of water hyacinth in tanks.

To remove stagnating rainwater during the rainy season in Gandhi Mandapam Road, Cancer Institute and Anna University Campus, which disrupt the free flow of traffic, 1,516 metre-long storm water drainage pipe has been laid at a cost of Rs. 4.15 crore. The rain water from the drainage is stored in a big ground level tank. From the tank, the water is let into Buckingham Canal through a small canal. The silt in the canal is removed by hydraulic and high suction jet pumps.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the cleaning of the silt catch pit and the storm water drainage cleaning work by the Greater Chennai Corporation. The Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed officials to complete the drainage cleaning and other works within a week to prevent flooding of rain water.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister then inspected the removal of water hyacinth in Buckingham Canal near the Indira Nagar MRTS Railway Station and under the Lattice Bridge Thiruvanmiyur at a cost of Rs.26.50 lakh through robotic excavator and Amphibian machines.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister as a part of the inspection work, reviewed the flood prevention measures in North Chennai on behalf of the Water Resources Department, Highways, Greater Chennai Corporation and Metro Water and Sewerage Departments on 28.09.2021.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the rain water drainage cleaning work in the Poonamallee Highways on behalf of the Highways Department in Royapuram Division in Greater Chennai Corporation.

In the Otteri Nalla Canal, removal of garbage is being done through high tech machines at a cost of Rs.44 lakh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the de-silting works carried out by the Water Resources Department at the junction of Strahans Road and Konnur High road in Thiru.Vi.Ka.Nagar Division.

To remove stagnated rain water in Baba Nagar in Anna Nagar Division and the nearby Poompuhar Nagar, Janakiram Colony, S.R.B Nagar, Srinivasa Nagar, Senthil Nagar, Uma Maheswari Nagar, Selvi Nagar, Anjugam Nagar, Sarojini Nagar, Iyapppa Nagar, K.K.R. Garden and Palaniappa Nagar, 33 km-long rain water canal is being built on the Kosasthalaiyar River Basin, at a cost of Rs. 102.18 crore with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank. The Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the progress of the work.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also reviewed the 31 km-long canal forming work on the Kosasthalaiyar Basin with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank at a cost of Rs. 122.85 crore to discharge the rain water that stagnates in Britannia Nagar, Collector Nagar, Senthil Nagar, Velambal Nagar, INTUC Nagar, Birla Avenue, Renga Avenue and Rasi Nagar.

Following these inspections, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the removal of hyacinth and water plants in the surplus canal of Puzhal Tank, at a cost of Rs.87.50 lakh, in Amullaivail areas, repairing of bridges across the surplus canal and strengthening the banks of Kosasthalaiyar.

Then the Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the removal of silts, slush and hyacinth with the help of a Robotic multi-purpose excavator and through Amphibian vehicles in the Kodungaiyur Canal and in the linking canal of Captain Canal and Kodungaiyur Canal.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed the officials all the de-silting, removal of hyacinth ater plants and cleaning works in the drainage and rainwater carrying canals should be completed well in advance of the arrival of North-East Monsoon.

September 24: Birth anniversary of Dr. Sivanthi Aditanar

# A multi-faceted achiever

Dr.B.Sivanthi Adithanar is a multi-faceted personality who has left an indelible mark in the Indian Sub-continent in the newspaper industry, sports, education and industries.

S.P.Adithanar, who revolutionized the newspaper Industry, handed over the administration of Daily Thanthi Group to Sivanthi Adithanar in the year 1959. By his administrative skill, Sivanthi Adithanar continued to run the Daily Thanthi as the best daily newspaper for over 40 years.

Dr.Sivanthi Adithanar elevated the Adithanar College in Tiruchendur to the level of a University. He was honoured with the Doctorate degree by the Madurai Kamaraj University in 1994, by the Annamalai University in 1995 and by the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in 2004.

He was appointed as the Sheriff of Chennai Corporation for two years in succession (1982 and 1983). He was elected as the life-time president of the Indian Olympic Association on November 3, 2000.

For his laudable services in the fields of literature and education, Dr.Sivanthi Adhitanar was honoured with Padma Shri by the Union Government in the year 2008.

October 4 : Birth anniversary of Thiyagi Subramaniya Siva

# My Dharma

"Wherever freedom is
trampled or
attempts are made to crush freedom,
I'll protest strongly.
I'll not rest till the oppressed
are given freedom.
My dharma is to speak out,
seeking justice for all people
who are denied freedom."

# Rationalist poet

Udumalai Narayanakavi, the unquestioned monarch of the World of film songs, was born on 25.09.1899 at Poolavadi Village, Udumalpet Taluk, Tiruppur District. The name given to him at birth was Narayanasamy.

He met Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathiyar at the age of 15 after which his love for Tamil increased. He learnt progressive ideas like communism, equality, women's rights and self-respect from Periyar. His love for Tamil led him to join the stage at Madurai. The good name and fame he got took him to Chennai where he wrote film songs. He wrote meaningful songs which had a good reception from the public.

His songs found a place in Anna's 'Oar Iravu' (One Night) stage play which happened at Trichy on 26.06.1944. Among his songs, those in the films Kannagi, Mahamaya, Krishna Bhakthi, Velaikkari, Parasakthi and Sorgavasal are famous. In appreciation of his songs, he was given the 'Sahitya Ratna' Award by the Sangeetha Nataka Sabha on 22.04.1967. In the same year, the Tamil Nadu Government honoured him with the 'Kalaimamani' Award on behalf of the Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram.

Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan and Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare Tmt. N. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj garlanded the statue of 'Pagutharivu Kavirayar' Udumalai Narayanakavi at the Manimandapam, at Udumalpet in Tiruppur District on 25.09.2021 in connection with the poet's birth anniversary. Hon'ble Ministers also honoured the heir of Udumalai Narayanakavi by presenting shawls on the occasion.

September 29: Birth anniversary of Mayor Sivaraj

# He fought for the rights of the Scheduled Castes

Among the leaders of Tamil Nadu who fought for the rights of the Scheduled Castes, Mayor Sivaraj was at the forefront. He was born in 1892.

He had his Higher Education in the Presidency College, Chennai and got a degree in 1911. He studied law at the Madras Law College and joined the Bar Council in 1915. Later, he became a Lecturer in the Madras Law College.

He worked with the Adi Dravida Mahajana Sabha, the Justice Party and Periyar's Self-Respect Movement and participated in caste eradication and anti-Hindi agitations.

Mayor Sivaraj was the first President of the All India Scheduled Caste Sammelan of India in 1942. Dr. Ambedkar formed the Republican Party of India. When it was revived, he became the first President of the Party in 1959 and continued to hold the post till his demise.

In the 1957 Parliament Election, he was elected from the Chengalpet Constituency and was a Member of the Lok Sabha.

An Ardent Champion of the uplift of Scheduled Caste People, Mayor Sivaraj died on 29.09.1964.

Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru. P.K. Sekarbabu and Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare Tmt. N. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj paid floral tributes to the portrait of former Mayor Sivaraj, kept near his statue at the junction of Mint Salai, Chennai and paid their respects in connection with his 130th birth anniversary on 29.09.2021.

September 27: Birth anniversary of S.P.Adithanar

# A pioneer in Tamil Journalism

*"The 117th birth anniversary of S.P.Adithanar, a pioneer in Tamil journalism! By starting 'Dina Thanthi' Newspaper, he made the common man literate and knowledgeable about world affairs; He performed ably as Speaker of the Assembly and Minister in DMK Governments. True honour for him is to publish news without distortions".*

**-Thiru. M.K. Stalin**
**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu**
*(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare & Women Empowerment Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan and Hon'ble Minister for Medical & Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramanian paid floral tributes to the portrait of 'Thamizhar Thanthai' S.P. Adithanar, placed near his statue at Egmore in connection with his 117th birth anniversary on 27.09.2021.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister announces Welfare Board for Non-Resident Tamils

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** on 06.10.2021 *(English Translation)*.

If there is one race spread all over the World, it is the Tamil race. The list of Countries where this most ancient race has spread itself is big. It is one among the few races which have the most ancient civilization and heritage. To infuse confidence into such a Tamil race living abroad across the Seas and Countries, an important announcement is being made.

Only the Tamil race is living in many of the Countries in the World. In more than 30 Countries, Tamils live in large numbers and in more than 60 Countries, in small numbers. They went for commerce, to live and in search of jobs; they went to escape from disasters inflicted by sea; to escape and to know new places, different people may have had different purposes. Such migrations have taken place from time immemorial.

Tamil Nadu is their home wherever they may live. It is Tamil Nadu's duty, not only to love them but also to support them and protect them. The Tamil Nadu Government has come forward to solve the difficulties of such Tamils living in various Countries and help them.

The DMK Government passed the Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Act on March 1, 2011 to fulfill the various needs of migrant Tamils. We announced that a 'Non-resident Tamils Welfare Board' would be set up to implement welfare measures for them. The Board could not be set up due to regime change. Our successors then did not set it up. Now, the Board will be set up with 13 Members, from the Government and Representatives of Non-Resident Tamils. A 'Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Fund' of Rs.5 crore will be created with Government's advance money. A capital expenditure of Rs.1.40 crore and a recurring expenditure of Rs.3 crore, towards welfare schemes and administrative expenses, will be allotted every year.

❖ A database will be created about Non-Resident Tamils. Those registering with the Board will be covered by the Accident,

Life and Health Insurance schemes and identity cards will be issued.

- ❖ If migrant Tamils belonging to the low income group happen to die in harness, educational scholarship and marriage assistance will be provided to children in the family of the deceased.
- ❖ Counselling is given to Tamils who go abroad for education and jobs. This will be conducted not only in Chennai but in the Districts of Ramanathapuram, Pudukkottai, Kanniyakumari, Thanjavur, Perambalur, Sivagangai and Villupuram.
- ❖ Toll free phone facility, website and mobile application will be provided to migrant Tamils for getting advice.
- ❖ An exclusive Legal Help Centre will be set up for migrant Tamils abroad.
- ❖ About 7 lakh Tamils have returned to Tamil Nadu due to COVID-19 pandemic. Many among them have lost their jobs. To help them, a loan facility with a maximum of Rs.2.50 lakh subsidy will be arranged for starting micro industries. Rs. 6 crore will be allotted for this.
- ❖ Most of the Non-Resident Tamils are eager to safely invest their savings in their motherland. A favourable environment will be created for such safe investments in Government and industries through Memoranda of Understanding.
- ❖ A scheme 'My Village' will be launched to involve Non-Resident Tamils in fulfilling the essential needs of their place of birth, like development of infrastructure facilities, education and health. They will be invited to construct buildings for schools, hospitals, libraries etc.
- ❖ All co-ordination works for this will be undertaken by the Government in a simple way.
- ❖ To create enthusiasm for learning Tamil in the heirs of migrant Tamils, Tamil will be taught through the Tamil Virtual Academy. Incentives will be given to educational institutions for teaching Tamil and training will be given to Tamil teachers.
- ❖ Welfare associations set up by Non-Resident Tamils in the Countries they live in, will be co-ordinated. Through these associations, artistic, literary and cultural exchanges will take place. Rs. 4 crore will be allotted for this.
- ❖ Every year, January 12 will be celebrated as 'Non-Resident World Tamils Day', jointly with the Tamil Associations in overseas Countries by way of integrating Tamils in various Countries and recognizing their contribution.

To foster the welfare of Tamils in overseas Countries, a total of Rs. 20 crore will be allotted as Rs. 6.40 crore for Tamils Welfare Board and their Welfare Fund, Rs. 8.10 crore for various welfare schemes for them and Rs. 5.50 crore for Tamil education, Arts, Culture and Exchange of ideas. Keeping in mind the dictum 'thondu seivai thuraidhorum thuraidhorum thudithezhundhe' ('Energetic service in every field') and treading the path of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, this Government will always light up the lives of Tamils and remain their best friend. There is no doubt about it. ●

# Day-long annadhanam scheme extended to 3 more temples

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated, on behalf of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 16.09.2021, Day-long Annadhanam in three temples. The temples where the Scheme has been started are Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple at Tiruchendur, Arulmigu Mariamman temple at Samayapuram and Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple at Tiruttani.

Under the Annadhanam Scheme, food is offered at noon to devotees in 754 temples. In its wake, food packets were offered in temples to 44 lakh persons by way of appeasing the hunger of the poor, during the Corona infection period.

At present, Day-long Annadhanam Scheme is implemented at Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy temple, Palani and at Arulmigu Aranganatha Swamy temple in Thiruvarangam. The Scheme was extended and an Announcement was made during the Demand for Grants for the HR & CE Department on 04.09.2021, that it would be implemented in the temples of Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy at Tiruchendur, Arulmigu Mariamman at Samayapuram and at Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy at Tiruttani.

The extension of the Scheme will benefit about 7,500 Devotees every day. Under this Scheme, food will be offered to Devotees from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. ■

# Face recognition software gives police force cutting edge in apprehending criminals

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated at the Secretariat on 04.10.2021, Face Recognition Software (FRS) for the use of Police Department.

This software is useful in identifying a person in a photo by comparing it with the photos already uploaded in the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) in Police Stations. So far, 5.30 lakh photos have been uploaded in the CCTNS.

The FRS software can be utilized in computers with internet facilities in Police Stations and on cell phones as an (FRS) app, while on field work. With this app, photos of criminals, suspicious persons, missing persons and unidentified bodies can be verified with the photos in CCTNS and identified. There is a facility in this app to convey to the Police Station concerned, details of a person in a photo verified with CCTNS, if that person is found to be connected to a crime in that Police Station area.

Police Constables can easily come to know of the full criminal background of criminals/ suspicious persons while encountering them during patrol duty, vehicle check and other Police duties by clicking their photos and verifying them through this app. While interrogating a suspicious person, if it was found through the app that an arrest warrant is pending against him, the Police can take action to arrest him. Missing persons can be traced through this app and restored to the persons concerned. The FRS app will be highly helpful to the Police Department in solving crimes and take up crime prevention work effectively.

It is proposed to install an FRS app video analysing facility to identify the face of a person recorded in CCTV. Through this, suspicious persons, wanted criminals or missing persons can be easily found out if they are moving about in public places like Bus Stands, Railway Stations, Airports and during Festivals. Moreover, it will help assess the strength of a crowd in places of riot or huge congregation and deploy sufficient numbers of Police Constables to the area concerned for security.

## Government to bear all educational expenses

# Hon'ble Chief Minister gives Government school students key to technical education

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, after presenting admission letters as a token, to 50 Government school students who have been selected for technical courses under the 7.5 per cent special reservation, at an event held at Anna University, Chennai on 20.09.2021 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Ministers for Higher Education, School Education and Medical and Family Welfare, Vice Chancellor of Anna University, Chief Secretary to Government, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government Officials, my dear students, parents of students, my greetings to all of you.

The Tamil Nadu Government has provided a 7.5 per cent quota in technical education to Government school students.

I convey my good wishes to students who have come here to receive the admission orders for joining technical courses.

This is the day that is going to enable you to realize your dream of becoming an Engineering Graduate.

Through the realization of your dream, this day enables the fulfillment of the dream of your parents and family members.

The longing for making it to College in this competitive world, that too in Government Colleges, would have weighed on you till some months back. wish to remind you that this day erases that anxiety and sows the seed of progress in your life.

Perarignar Anna declared that Engineers, Doctors and Educationists are the lasting wealth of a Nation.

That is why he spoke more among students, in Colleges and Universities. He wanted education to reach even the last man in the social strata.

Education to all, jobs to all according to their capacity, this is the aim of the Dravidian Movement. This Movement was born for that. You know that it engages itself, after capturing power, more in measures targeted to achieve that purpose and is fulfilling it also.

This Government's laudable target is to provide higher education to all the youth.

Lenin, the Revolutionary said: Students entering College should have three ideals – studies, studies and studies. The repetition is to give stress upon the significance of it.

I know how much you would have suffered to reach this position.

Think about your parents, how much they would have suffered to educate you up to this age of 17. They have paved the way for your development, forgetting their difficulties and setting aside their pleasures.

They have sent you with the hope 'our son is going to a big College to study a top course and will return as a mature man and go to a big job'. With the right that is gained through affection, I request you to rise up to their expectations and go even further.

You are stepping into the next stage of your life, from school days you are entering College. Not merely as the Country's Chief Minister but as an affectionate sibling, **I wish that you get the best job opportunities. From job seeker you should rise up to be a job giver also.**

For that, you should improve yourself and become a consummately skilled person with multi-faceted talents. **Technical education is not for getting a degree alone but to sharpen your professional acumen.**

Many of you can become Industrial Entrepreneurs tomorrow. Along with intelligence, there should be sharpness of mind. You should have a scientific bent of mind. Only this educational wealth is indestructible.

This Government's vision is that such an indestructible wealth should reach all strata of people. Government school students too should enter Institutions of Higher Studies. Rural students should join very big Educational Institutions in Cities. To achieve this, we implemented a plethora of schemes whenever DMK was elected.

On learning that entrance examinations are a hurdle for rural students for the study of Medicine and Technology, the then Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar cancelled them. You all know that.

Today, this Government is also waging a Court battle against NEET examination. Only orders pertaining to social justice lay the foundation for an egalitarian society.

Sixty-nine per cent of Government school students are from rural areas. From that angle, this has assumed the hue of a Rural Education Development Scheme. This Government passed a bill in the last Assembly session for a 7.5 per cent reservation on priority basis for Government school students in the admission to professional courses like Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Fisheries, Law and

the like. On that basis, you are entering into Colleges.

The beneficiaries of this reservation are students from 6th to 12th standards in Government schools, Municipal Corporation, Municipality and Panchayat Union schools, Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes Welfare schools, Kallar Reclamation schools, Forest Department schools and Other schools administered by Government Departments. In the current academic year, about **10,000 Government school students will benefit in the admission of engineering courses through this special sub-reservation. Likewise, I am happy to state that about 350 Government school students will benefit in the admission to Agriculture, Veterinary, Fisheries and Law studies.**

These students will take their families and their native places on the path of progress; theirs will be a proud generation and the state is going to benefit out of it. In this scenario, I feel issuing admission orders to you is an honour given to me.

I wish you progress and a life as honoured sons of this Country.

The fame one attains by leading a generation to the path of progress by opening the gates of Higher Education, is very great. Hon'ble Minister Ponmudi has attained that fame and I congratulate him wholeheartedly as well as Officials of the Department.

**I request the Ministers of school Education and Higher Education to lay the foundation for an all-round development of Tamil society through it.**

The period of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar is said to be the Golden Age of school Education. We speak of it in this manner even today. The rule of our leader Kalaignar is hailed as the Golden Age of College Education.

I make the request that the period of the present regime should turn into a Golden Age of

Higher Education, Professional Education and Research. I greet all of you again, not merely as Chief Minister but as one among you.

There cannot be a greater joy to me if you happen to meet me at some place after some years and say, 'I am employed in a big institution/self-employed due to the education I got through the Government Order you issued'.

As I was getting ready for this event, I saw a channel airing a programme about this function and interviewing a student. The student was expressing his anxiety about being able to complete the course. A girl student also joined him in expressing her anxiety. Like their parents, our Government also shares the anxiety with the same motherly feelings. Only after listening to the request did I come to this event.

I am waiting to make a happy announcement that will give joy to the students joining the Professional Courses under the 7.5 per cent reservation and to their parents. That is, this **Government has come forward to meet the educational expenses of students joining technical education under the 7.5 per cent quota – all fees inclusive of tuition, hostel and even counselling fees.** With this announcement at this happy event, I conclude my speech, conveying my greetings once again to all of you.

# Tonsuring Staff in temples to get Rs.5000 as monthly incentive

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin distributed an incentive of Rs.5,000 to 25 temple Barbers at P.K.N. Auditorium, Vepery on 05.10.2021, as a token for the inauguration of the Scheme to provide a similar monthly incentive to all such workers in the State.

The Tamil Nadu Government, headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin is implementing many excellent schemes through the Department of HR & CE, like post of temple priest to all without caste discrimination, retrieval of temple lands, daylong Annadhanam in 3 temples, planting of one lakh sacred trees in temples, a monthly incentive of Rs.1,000 to Archakas, Oduvars and Bhattacharyas, Renovation and Consecration of temples in the near future, archanais in Annai Tamil and Publication of 14 Books for performing archanais in Tamil.

In continuation of this, it was announced during the Demand for Grants for the HR&CE Department that payment of the tonsuring fee by Devotees to the temples would not be collected hereafter and that the charges for it would be met by the temple administration itself. This has come into effect in all temples from 05.09.2021.

Further, on 07.09.2021 the Hon'ble Minister for HR & CE announced in the Assembly that a monthly incentive of Rs.5,000 would be given to those engaged in tonsuring in temples, for the improvement of their livelihood.

**Accordingly, Identity Cards will be issued to the 1,744 Barbers in the service of temples and the monthly incentive of Rs.5,000 will be given to them from the temples concerned. The annual expenditure on this will be Rs.10.47 crore. This will improve their livelihood.**

# State-level panel to monitor implementation of union Government schemes in the Districts

A State–level committee to monitor and co-ordinate the implementation of the Union Government Schemes at the District level has been formed, with the Hon'ble Chief Minister as the Chairman as per the guidelines, issued by the Union Ministry of Rural Development.

The Hon'ble Minister for the Rural Development will be the Vice-Chairman of the District Development and Monitoring Committee (DISHA); the Principal Secretary of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj will be Member Secretary of the Committee. The other Members of DISHA, recommended by the Union Government are Lok Sabha Members Thiru. T.R.Balu, Thiru. S.S.Palanimanickam, Thiru. A.Raja, Thiru. M.Selvaraj, Thiru. P.R.Natarajan, Thiru. S. Thirunavukarasu, Thiru. Thol. Thirumavalavan, Thiru. B. Ravindrakumar, Thiru. K. Navaskani and the Rajya Sabha Members Thiru. Tiruchi Siva, Thiru. R.S.Bharathi, Thiru. Navaneetha Krishnan, and Thiru.S.R.Balasubramanian.

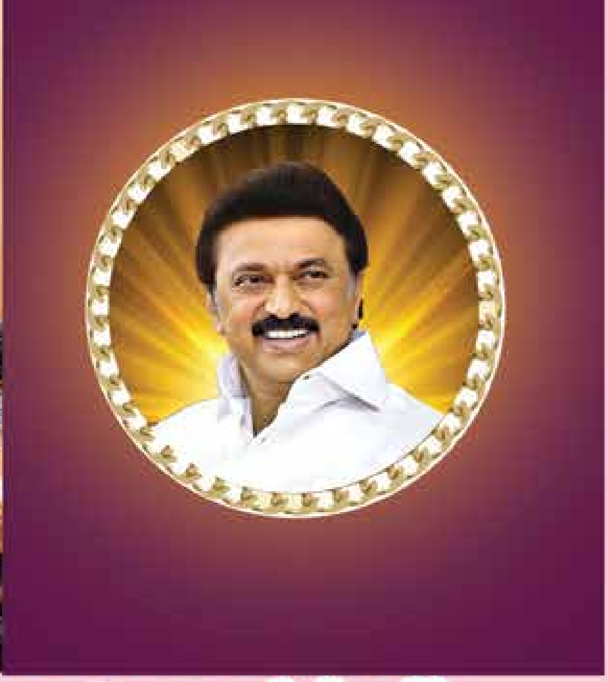
The following MLAs recommended by the State Government will also be Members of the committee: Thiru. V.G.Rajendran, Dr.N.Ezhilan, Thiru. T.K.G.Neelamegam, Thiru. M.Boominathan, Thiru. J.M.H. Aassan Moulaana and Thiru. K.A.Sengottaiyan.

In addition to the above Members, Government Secretaries of various Departments, Department heads, members of non-Governmental organizations and Chairman and Managing Director of the State-level Lead bank will also be in the committee.

Following the guidelines issued by the Union Government, the functioning of the District-level Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee includes reviewing the implementation of the approved schemes in the respective Districts, manpower provided by the State Government based on the decisions taken by the committee, removing constraints in implementing the schemes and recommending course correction to improve the implementation of the programmes.

The committee will also review the financial status for implementing various development schemes, resolve the disputes pertaining to the implementation of the programmes, facilitate implementation of time-bound programmes by removing the impediments and guide the State Government employees for proper implementation of the programmes and follow the complaints of misappropriation and diversion of funds and take necessary action.

The committee will give proper guidelines in sanctioning funds to the bank accounts of beneficiaries identified by the schemes, whose Aadhaar Cards are linked to their bank accounts, identify the difficulties in implementing the Union Government schemes and bring to the notice of the Union Ministry of Rural Development the progress of the developmental schemes.



# Hon'ble Chief Minister goes to special cell for surprise review

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin visited the Chief Minister's Special Cell in the Secretariat on 05.10.2021 and undertook a surprise review.

He interacted with the general public who had come there to present petitions. One of the petitioners wanted his missing son to be traced. The Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered immediate action on the petition.

He enquired about the steps taken on the petitions submitted by the people and advised officials to take appropriate action on all petitions and monitor that the solutions given on them are implemented. He said the petitioners should also be immediately kept informed of the steps taken on their petitions.

# Fifteen triumphant sportspersons given cash incentives totalling Rs.3.98 crore

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin presented at the Secretariat on 07.10.2021, cheques to the face value of Rs.3,98,50,000 to 15 Sportspersons from Tamil Nadu who won medals and titles in Paralympic Competitions, FIDE World Chess Online Olympiad Competitions and other Chess Competitions and their Coaching Personnel as incentive on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government.

Following is the list of Winners with the incentive given to them in cheque in brackets: Thiru. T. Mariyappan, Silver Medallist in High Jump in T – 63 division by clearing 1.86 metres in the 2020 Paralympic Competitions held in Tokyo, Japan (Rs. 2 crore);

Thiru. Viswanathan Anand, Thiru. V.R. Arvind Chidambaram, Thiru. R. Praggnanandhaa and Selvi R. Vaishali for winning the Gold Medal as Members of the Indian Team in the FIDE World Chess Online Olympiad competition, held in 2020 (Rs. 20 lakh each – total Rs.80 lakh), Thiru. Srinath Narayanan, Coach for the above mentioned team (Rs.12 lakh – total Rs. 92 lakh);

Thiru. Viswanathan Anand, Thiru. P. Adhiban, Thiru. R. Praggnanandhaa, Selvi R. Vaishali and Selvi P. Savitha Shri as members of the Indian team for winning the bronze medal in the FIDE World Chess Online

Olympiad competition held in 2021 (Rs. 10 lakh each – total Rs. 50 lakh), Thiru. Srinath Narayanan, Coach of the men's team (Rs.4.50 lakh) and Thiru. M. Shyam Sundar, Coach for women's team (Rs. 3 lakh) – totally Rs. 57.50 lakh;

Thiru. P. Adhiban, Gold Medalist in the FIDE International Chess Championship Competition held between 04.03.2019 and 15.03.2019 at Hasthana City in Kazakhstan (Rs. 20 lakh);

Thiru. P. Iniyan, for winning the International Grandmaster Title in Chess Competition in 2019, Selvi Srija Seshadri, Women Grandmaster Title in Chess Competition in 2019, Selvi V. Varshini and Selvi P.V. Nandhidhaa for Women Grandmaster Title in Chess Competitions in 2020 (Rs. 5 lakh each);

Thiru. V.S. Rathanvel and Thiru. M. Pranesh for winning the International Master Title in Chess Competitions in 2020, Selvi P. Savitha Shri for winning Women International Master Title in Chess Competition in 2021 (Rs. 3 lakh each) - totally Rs. 3,98,50,000 to 15 Sports Medallists and title winners and their Coaching Personnel.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** congratulated Thiru. I. Raja, MLA, at the Secretariat, on the latter winning the first place in the State-level weight lifting competition and getting qualified for the Commonwealth Competition on 11.10.2021.

# Distribution of 24 kinds of aids and appliances, monthly maintenance to the Differently-Abled

Under the distribution of aids and appliances scheme for the differently-abled persons of the Department of Welfare for the Differently-Abled persons, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin distributed as a token, at the Secretariat on 09.10.2021, retro scooters to 5 beneficiaries and cheques for Rs.1,500 each to five severely affected persons towards monthly maintenance. He also gave appointment orders, on compassionate grounds, to the heirs of 4 Government employees who had died in harness.

Twenty four types of aids and appliances are distributed every year to the differently-abled persons so as to help them function independently. The tools include retro scooters, wheel chairs, three-wheelers, hearing aids, dark glasses to blind persons, reflective foldable canes and appliances for alternative methods of communication with the mentally retarded.

In the reply to the debate on demand for grants for the Department of Welfare of the Differently-Abled persons on 01.09.2021, it was announced that Rs.62.50 crore had been allotted for the year 2021-2022 so as to clear the backlog in the distribution of aids and appliances to beneficiaries. Accordingly, Rs. 21.11 crore has been allotted to fulfill the needs of 10,107 differently-abled persons wait listed in the year 2020-2021.

Among those waitlisted persons, 1,228 had applied for retro scooters. By way of distributing the scooters to them, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the keys of retro scooters to 5 beneficiaries as a token.

A monthly maintenance pension of Rs.1,500 is deposited in the accounts of severely affected differently-abled persons, mentally retarded persons, those affected by muscular dystrophy, leprosy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and spinal cord disorder.

It was announced in the same Assembly reply mentioned above, that fund allocation had been raised to Rs.404.64 crore so as to provide monthly maintenance pension to all the wait listed differently-abled persons also from the current year. Accordingly, Rs. 29.64 crore has been allocated as a special fund for providing maintenance pension to the 9,173 persons in the waiting list. As a token of distribution of this pension amount to them, Hon'ble Chief Minister presented cheques for Rs.1,500 each to 5 beneficiaries.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also presented on compassionate grounds, appointment orders to the heirs of 4 Government employees in the department of Welfare of the Differently-Abled persons, who had died in harness. The orders are for the posts of Junior Assistant (3) and Office Assistant (1).

# News in Pictures

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** handed over appointment orders at the Secretariat on 11.10.2021 to sportspersons Selvi V.Suba and Selvi. S. Dhanalakshmi who had brought honour to Tamil Nadu by participating in the mixed relay race competition at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic competitions. The appointment orders were for the posts of Sports Officers in Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Electricity).

Thiruvarur District school students who represented Tamil Nadu Youth Archery Association and won 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals in State and National competitions, met Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** and received his blessings on 11.10.2021.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected progress of Phase II works of Chennai Metro, other infrastructure spots

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin reviewed on 08.10.2021, Phase II works of Chennai Metro Rail Scheme being executed at an estimate of Rs.61.843 crore, Central Square scheme works implemented near the Chennai Central Station at an estimate of Rs.389.42 crore, and development works carried out in Kathipara Urban Square at an estimate of Rs.14.50 crore.

In 2007, the then Government headed by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar accorded sanction for the Chennai Metro Rail Scheme for traffic decongestion in Chennai Metro, reduction of travel time to people and to make travel easy with ultra modern facilities. The first phase of construction works was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin in June 2009. At present, the first phase train service is functioning in an excellent manner.

Under the second phase, construction works for 3 rail corridors covering a length of

118.9 km and costing Rs.61,843 crore have commenced. The train corridors are – from Madhavaram to Siruseri SIPCOT (45.8 km), Light House to Poonamallee bypass road (26.1 km) and Madhavaram to Sholinganallur (47 km).

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin visited on 08.10.2021, the Central Square site near the Chennai Central Station where the Chennai Metro Rail Corporation is implementing the scheme works, costing Rs.389.42 crore with funds from the Greater Chennai Development Corporation, and inspected and reviewed the works. He learned about the details of the scheme works which envisage integration of out-station, suburban, elevated and metro train services, the city bus and other transport services, construction of 2 subways across Poonamallee Highway, underground vehicle parking lot, building for the use of the public and developing to global standards the area covering the nearby landmarks, Ripon Building, Victoria Hall, Central Sub-urban station, Central Railway Station and Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital. He advised the officers to execute the works in time and bring the square to the use of the people. He asked them to make Central Square, the glittering crown of Singara Chennai.

He then went to the Kathipara Urban Square area, inspected the development works being carried out by the Chennai Metro Rail in the clover area underneath the Kathipara flyover and directed the officers to complete the works speedily and bring it to the use of people. On completion, the works, costing Rs.14.50 crore will integrate multi-type transport, provide transit facility from one to the other type as well as general facilities for waiting passengers.

Later, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected and reviewed the construction works carried out under the second phase of the Metro Rail Project for the Thilagaram Metro Station, opposite Porur Ramachandra Hospital and the elevated Metro Station's works. During the review, he urged the officers to see to it that no traffic hassle takes place on the Mount-Poonamallee road and to ensure safety measures during the construction.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister pays surprise visit to Special Vaccination Camps

Special Corona vaccination camps are being held across the State at Primary Health Centres, Government Hospitals, Anganwadi Centres, Nutritious Meal Centres, schools and at important places, following Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin's directive for a swift vaccination coverage of the entire population.

Four mega Corona vaccination camps have been held so far on 12, 19 and 26.09.2021 and 03.10.2021 and 87,80,262 doses of vaccine have been administered to beneficiaries. The fifth mega camp is being held on 10.10.2021 in 32,017 centres. In the Greater Chennai Corporation limits alone, 1,600 special camps are being held.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister paid a surprise visit and inspected the special camps at Maduvankarai Primary Health Centre, Guindy and at St. Francis Primary school, Chinnamalai and interacted with the general public who had gathered to get vaccinated.

Following his query on the number of persons administered first and second doses of vaccine District-wise, he was informed that 3,74,20,314 and 1,29,38,551 beneficiaries respectively, had undergone vaccination till 09.10.2021, working out to 65 and 22 per cent of the population.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that it had been planned to administer the first and second doses of Corona vaccination to all those above 18 years of age and steps had been taken to administer the vaccine nearer to the place of their residence through camps. He requested people to make use of this opportunity.

He instructed those involved in the work to make Corona vaccination an intensive movement and wanted District Collectors to pay special attention to ensure that the camps achieve their targets.

# News in Pictures

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** released two CDs, 'Thirukkural Thamizhisaipadalgal' (Songs of Thirukkural) and 'Thirukkural Vazhthuppa' (Praise of Thirukkural) at the Secretariat on 05.10.2021.

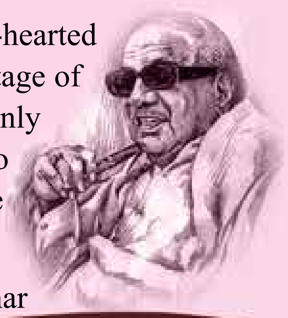
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** received the copies of Justice A.K.Rajan (Rtd) Committee's report on the impact of NEET examination, translated into Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali and Marathi. They were presented to him by the Hon'ble Minister for Medical and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramanian at the Secretariat on 08.10.2021.

November 14:
Birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru

# Unparalleled leader

At a time when oppression had been unleashed on freedom fighters, and in the face of unforeseen tragedies, Jawaharlal Nehru never cared for himself and his belongings. His thought was only about the welfare of the Nation. Jawaharlal Nehru was a luminous light who occupies a distinctive place among the greatest of freedom fighters who made great sacrifices for the Nation. For him, conscience was God. The hearts of people were his temple. Public service was his worship. The prisons where patriots were locked up were his places of pilgrimage. After Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru is the only person, the single leader, who has the right to occupy the hearts of people from the Himalayas to Kanniyakumari.

In the garden of democracy, noble-hearted Nehru held aloft the flag of peace on the stage of rationalism, for all the world to see. The only way we can show our gratitude to him is to protect the garden from wilting, the stage from collapsing.



- Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar

November 14: Birth anniversary of Veeramamunivar

# Jesuit priest who excelled in Tamil poetry

Constanzo Beschi was an Italian Jesuit priest who worked as a Christian missionary in South India, particularly in Tamil Nadu. The missionary who lived between 1680 and 1742 also made some amazing literary contributions to the Tamil language. He was also known by the name Veeramamunivar. He died at Thrissur, then a part of Kochi coast, in present-day Kerala where he was associated with missionary work.

He translated the 'Thirukkural' in Latin. He also compiled the first Tamil-Latin dictionary. His substantial poetical work, considered a Tamil classic, is 'Thembavani' (The Unfading Garland). 'Paramarthaguru Kadhaigal' is a prose work that satirizes native gurus.

Constantine Joseph Beschi was born on 8 November 1680 in Castiglione delle Stiviere, Italy. He was trained in Ravenna and Bologna in the late 1600s and early 1700s and was sent to the Jesuit mission at Madurai in South India. He reached the Goa shore in 1710 and travelled to south India very soon where he started his missionary work. Beschi adopted the native Tamilian lifestyle in his life and missionary work as well so that he could influence locals. He chose the saffron colour robe generally worn by Indian monks. He also visited some of the major centres of Tamil Nadu to learn the language. During the first six years, he worked as a missionary in Elakurichi, where he served as parish priest in Kamanayakkanpatti. Then he moved to Thanjavur area, where he lived till 1738. Finally he settled in 1740 on the Coromandel Coast where he spent the last phase of his life. He assisted in the construction of many churches and basilicas across Tamil Nadu and also spread Christianity. These churches later became Catholic pilgrim centres. He is credited with introducing the system of dotting the Tamil consonants in Tamil writing.

November 23: Birth anniversary of Kavignar Suradha

# ‘Poet of Simile’

All the cosmos is the pretty pattern of beauty
The blue sky is the highway of the red rays
The largest solar glow is a gold plate
Spitting out remaining flame
It is the round mark cast on the cosmos

The sun is burning without oil
It is the morning glory of the cobalt blue sky

*-From Suradha’s poetry*

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Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** on his way to Pappapatti Village in Usilampatti Taluk of Madurai District, stepped into the agricultural field in K.Nattappatti Village, and enquired about the grievances of the women working in the fields on 02.10.2021.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** took part in the Gram Sabha meeting held in connection with the 153rd Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi, at Pappapatti Village in Usilampatti Taluk of Madurai District on 02.10.2021.

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